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Neoconservatism

Henry Regnery, ASC member and founder of Regnery Publishing, along with Knight of Malta and Skull and Bones member William F. Buckley, established the Philadelphia Society in 1964, to which belonged many members who have exercised considerable influence over the development of the neoconservative movement in the United States. Also contributing to its founding were M. Stanton Evans and Milton Friedman. Former Presidents of the Society include Edwin Meese, Midge Decter and George H. Nash. Philadelphia Society meetings attracted hardline conservatives and neoconservatives such as Heritage Foundation founder Paul Weyrich, neo-Nazi Roger Pearson who was affiliated with the Pioneer Fund and who founded the neo-Nazi Northern League, Erik von Kuehnelt-Leddihn, William Casey, Richard V. Allen, Richard Pipes, Ernest W. Lefever and Frank Shakespeare. Notable speakers at past meetings of the Society have included Vladimir Bukovsky, Friedrich von Hayek, Henry Hazlitt, Irving Kristol, Norman Podhoretz, George J. Stigler, George Gilder, Victor Davis Hanson, Eric Voegelin and Paul Ryan.

Led by Buckley's *National Review*, the New Right conservatives eventually marginalized groups like the John Birch Society and pushed out white supremacists and anti-Semites. Buckley's redefinition of conservatism through his divorce from the denizens of the Old Right created a schism that opened the opportunity for the ascent of the neoconservatives.[1] The Neoconservative movement, as it rose in the 1970s, articulated a different vision from the Old Right. While Neoconservatives were not opposed to the New Deal as were the Old Right, they thought the subsequent developments in the Great Society and the New Left went too far. Neoconservatism was a movement of anti-Soviet liberals who embraced an interventionist foreign policy, particularly in the Middle East. They

espoused especially strong support for Israel and believed the United States should help ensure the security of the Jewish state.

Although they were mostly defended by the *National Review*, the neoconservatives represented a faction which was not part of the tradition of the American Jewish League Against Communism (AJLAC) or the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), the traditional enemies of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), which was founded in 1906 with the assistance of Jacob Schiff.[2] The neoconservatives instead had their intellectual roots in the AJC's monthly review magazine *Commentary*. Historian Richard Pells concludes, that "no other journal of the past half century has been so consistently influential, or so central to the major debates that have transformed the political and intellectual life of the United States."[3]

Effectively, neoconservatism was triggered by the repudiation of the politics of the American New Left. As noted by Robert Lind in *The New Statesman*, "Many of them started off as anti-Stalinist leftists or liberals. They are products of the largely Jewish-American Trotskyist movement of the 1930s and 1940s, which morphed into anti-communist liberalism between the 1950s and 1970s and finally into a kind of militaristic and imperial right with no precedents in American culture or political history."[4]

The leader of the neoconservatives was Irving Kristol, who founded *Encounter* magazine, which like *Commentary* was closely associated with the CIA's front in the cultural Cold War, the Congress for Cultural Freedom (CCF). Explaining the flip-flop to the opposite side of the political spectrum, Kristol said: "a neoconservative is a Liberal who has been mugged by reality."[5] As *Commentary*'s editor Norman Podhoretz explained, neoconservatism "came into the world to combat the dangerous lies that were spread by the radicalism of the 1960s and that were being accepted as truth by the established liberal institutions of the day."[6] Podhoretz and his wife Midge Decter were among the original champions of the neoconservative movement. Decter was educated at the Sabbatean-influenced Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTSA), founded by students of Rabbi Frankel and supported by Jacob Schiff. She was secretary to the then-editor of *Commentary*, Robert Warshow, and was the executive editor of *Harper's* under Willie Morris. She has

also been a member of the board of trustees for the Heritage Foundation.

Neoconservatives organized in the neoliberal American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and the Heritage Foundation to counter the liberal establishment.[7] The Heritage Foundation is part of a network of right-wing and neoliberal think tanks funded by charitable foundations and known CIA fronts, who in turn are funded primarily by ExxonMobil.[8] These included a number of other Rockefeller-affiliated foundations like the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Sarah Scaife Foundation and John M. Olin Foundation, who are also responsible for funding the Heritage Foundation and the AEI.

Following *Ramparts*' publication of information exposing the CCF as a CIA front, Kristol left in the late 1960s and became affiliated with AEI. The stated mission AEI, created in 1938, and which included Milton Friedman among its early advisors, follows an economic doctrine of neoliberalism. AEI's founders included executives from Eli Lilly, General Mills, Bristol-Myers, Chemical Bank, Chrysler, and Paine Webber. To this day, AEI's board is composed of top leaders from major business and financial firms.[9]

John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, in their controversial bestseller, *The Israel Lobby and US Foreign Policy*, list the AEI as a principal aspect of America's powerful Zionist lobby, which is dominated by American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the foremost pro-Israel lobbying organization in the US. AIPAC was founded in 1951 by Isaiah L. "Si" Kenen. Kenen originally ran the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs as a lobbying division of the American Zionist Council (AZC), an umbrella organization of American Jewish groups, which focused on Israel and included the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), which was initially founded in 1897 as the Federation of American Zionists (FAZ). Former ZOA presidents during the period included the Sabbateans Brandeis and Stephen Samuel Wise.

Sarah Scaife Foundation was endowed and chaired by Richard Mellon Scaife (1932 – 2014), an American billionaire, a principal heir to the Mellon empire. In 1964, Scaife had supported Senator Barry Goldwater campaign for president. Following his nomination, he escorted Goldwater on the Scaife family airplane to attend the

infamous Bohemian Grove retreat in Northern California. Disappointed by Goldwater's devastating defeat that November, many conservatives concluded that they could only win an election in the future by mimicking the efforts of the Democrats. Former conservative congressman Vin Weber recalled that "people on the right were absolutely convinced that there was a vast, left-wing conspiracy."[10]

Scaife provided support for conservative and libertarian causes in the United States, mostly through the private, nonprofit foundations he controlled: the Sarah Scaife Foundation, Carthage Foundation, and Allegheny Foundation, and the Scaife Family Foundation. Scaife has supported the *Public Interest* and the *National Interest*, both associated with neoconservative godfather Irving Kristol. Scaife has been subsidizing publications and broadcasts supporting conservative positions since his first grant to the *American Spectator* in 1970; the *New Criterion*, a cultural review edited by Hilton Kramer, former *New York Times* art critic; *Reason*, the organ of the libertarian Reason Foundation; and *Commentary*, the monthly magazine of the American Jewish Committee, edited for years by Norman Podhoretz. Scaife also gave money to *Encounter* magazine, once supported indirectly by the CIA.[11]

In addition to the AEI and the Heritage Foundation, Scaife also supported such conservative and libertarian organizations as the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) and Freedom House. However, Scaife also supported certain policy research groups which are not explicitly conservative, such as the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), and the Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI). He was also a major donor to abortion rights advocates, including Planned Parenthood.[12]

Universal Fascism

Michael Ledeen, who would go on to become a leader of the American neoconservative movement, lived in Italy into the late 1970s, where he had been consulting for Italian military intelligence and cultivating strong connections to the right-wing in Italy, including

the Propaganda Due (P2), and its Venerable Master, Licio Gelli.[13] An avid proponent of Machiavelli, Ledeen was actively involved orchestrating the black terror, having been involved in what has been called the Strategy of Tension in the 1970s. On the orders of the White House, Frank Wisner, Director of the CIA covert action department Office of Policy Coordination (OPC), set up "stay-behind" secret armies across Western Europe in cooperation with MI6 and NATO. They made use of a fascist network of terrorists, to carry out false-flag terror operations that could be blamed on the communists, to undermine their influence in those countries.[14]

Ledeen's fascist views had been shaped by George Mosse, a German Jewish émigré, best-known for his books and articles that redefined the discussion and interpretation of Nazism and fascism. In 1966, he and Walter Laqueur founded *The Journal of Contemporary History*, which they co-edited. Mosse directed Ledeen to Italy in 1965, where he was adopted by two senior figures, Renzo De Felice and Count Vittorio Cini, former Minister of Communications in Mussolini's wartime cabinet, who provided him access to the Masonic archives in Rome and Venice. De Felice is best known for a massive biography of Mussolini, where he argued that Mussolini was a revolutionary modernizer in domestic issues, but a pragmatist in foreign policy who continued the Realpolitik policies of liberal Italy, 1861-1922.[15] In *The Illuminati and Revolutionary Mysticism*, *1789-1900*, De Felice traced fascism to the Masonic and Martinist lodges that organized the Jacobins in the French Revolution of 1789. "I have always had a certain taste," wrote de Felice, "a psychological and human interest in a particular kind of personality that is both cold-blooded and Luciferian. There is something in common between my Jacobins and a certain kind of Fascism."[16]

In 1974, Ledeen moved to Rome to study the history of Italian fascism. Two years earlier, he authored a doctoral dissertation titled *Universal Fascism: The Theory and Practice of the Fascist International, 1928–1936*. Like Mosse, the work denounces the popular notion that fascism succeeded in gaining the support of millions "solely because they had been hypnotized by the rhetoric of gifted orators and manipulated by skillful propagandists." "It seems

more plausible," Ledeen counters, "to attempt to explain their enthusiasm by treating them as believers in the rightness of the fascist cause, which had a coherent ideological appeal to a great many people." For Ledeen, as for the fascist theoretician, Giuseppe Bottai, that appeal laid in the fact that fascism was "the Revolution of the 20th century." For the first time, maintained Ledeen, there was an attempt to mobilize the masses and to involve them in the political life of the country," describing the fascist state as "a generator of energy and creativity."[17] According to Ledeen:

> In order to achieve the most noble accomplishments, the leader may have to 'enter into evil.' This is the chilling insight that has made Machiavelli so feared, admired and challenging… we are rotten… It's true that we can achieve greatness if, and only if, we are properly led.[18]

In "What Machiavelli (A Secret Jew?) Learned From Moses," Ledeen lists the precedents of Columbus and his crew likely being Jews, and the Jesuits being founded by Marranos to suggest that it is plausible that Machiavelli was a secret Jew. More specifically, Ledeen believes that Machiavelli's philosophy was characteristically un-Christian, and concludes that he was "at least kinda Jewish, and maybe even very Jewish." According to Ledeen:

> Machiavelli tirelessly denounced the soft, forgiving, turn-the-other-cheek themes of Christianity, and called instead for a return to older, pre-Christian values of manly virtue, courage and a willingness to do the hard, sometimes even evil things that are required of great leaders, a theme that is found explicitly in several Mishnaic lessons, as well as implicitly in the Torah.[19]

According to Ledeen, Machiavelli praises ancient Roman and Spartan kings, generals and Caesars, and a few contemporaries, but history's great leader in his estimation was the leader of both a new religion and a new state: Moses. Ledeen explains that the example of Moses' slaughter of the worshippers of the Golden Calf makes him the greatest example of the most successful kind of leader: one

who is willing to use force to accomplish his mission. By Ledeen's interpretation, the commandments revealed to Moses included the prohibition against murder, so he knew that the means he employed were "evil," but he recognized that they were necessary. Likewise, explained Ledeen, "Machiavelli is not telling you to be evil, he is simply stating the facts: If you lead, there will be occasions when you will have to do unpleasant, even evil things, or be destroyed."[20]

RAND Corporation

The neoconservatives distinguished themselves by allying with the Nixon administration with respect to foreign policy, especially by their endorsement of the Vietnam War and opposition to the Soviet Union. The neoconservatives' new strategy towards the Soviet Union was shaped by another former Trotskyist, Albert Wohlstetter, an influential though controversial nuclear strategist of the Cold War, who along with Henry Kissinger was one of the inspirations for the film *Dr. Strangelove*. Wohlstetter was listed in an American Security Council document among its founders, benefactors and strategists. [21] Wohlstetter was the dominant figure at the RAND Corporation, the defense and information think tank in the Los Angeles area. Wohlstetter ended up at the University of Chicago where he joined Milton Friedman and Leo Strauss, where he became his protégé. As reported in a book review of Alex Abella's *Soldiers of Reason* in the *Washington Post*, "It was not so much Wohlstetter himself as his acolytes… who had a major impact in Washington."[22] These included Le Cercle members Richard Perle (who once dated Wohlstetter's daughter) and Paul Wolfowitz, as well as Andrew Marshall, formerly a RAND economist in the Defense Department of Donald Rumsfeld.

Wohlstetter, who evolved into an expert in game theory and systems analysis, was able to add a "veneer of scientific analysis" that could be "very misleading," explained Fred Kaplan author of *Wizards of Armageddon*. "At times," however, explained Kaplan, "his numbers were based on extremely inaccurate intelligence, so it could be much less accurate than thought."[23] Wohlstetter's 1958 "The Delicate Balance of Terror" was highly influential in shaping the

thinking of the Washington foreign policy establishment, particularly in its emphasis on the looming threat of Soviet attack. In 1974, Wohlstetter wrote a publication which accused the CIA of chronically underestimating Soviet military capability.

After Nixon was forced to resign in 1974, the neoconservatives allied themselves with two right-wingers in the administration of his successor Gerald Ford, who used the escalation of terrorism as a pretext to adopt a hard line against Soviet communism. They were Le Cercle member Donald Rumsfeld, the new secretary of defense, and Dick Cheney, Ford's Chief of Staff. While Nixon and Kissinger had initiated a period of *détente* with the Soviet Union, Rumsfeld resuscitated the old paranoia by now giving speeches about the Soviet's "steadiness of purpose" in building up their military defenses relative to those of the United States. The CIA denied the allegations, confirming that they were a complete fiction. But Rumsfeld used his position to persuade Ford to set up an independent inquiry, which he insisted would prove that there was a hidden threat to America. That inquiry would be run by a group of neoconservatives, one of whom was Paul Wolfowitz.

Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz wanted more power over the CIA, and so the neoconservatives chose as the inquiry chairman a well-known critic and historian of the Soviet Union Richard Pipes, an ally of Le Cercle chairman Brian Crozier.[24] Known as Team B, it was begun by President Ford in May 1976, and invited a group of outside experts lead by Wolfowitz to evaluate classified intelligence on the Soviet Union who would have access to the same evidence as the CIA, but to see if they could come up with different conclusions. CIA Director William Colby was asked to approve the initiative, but refused, stating it was hard "to envisage how an ad hoc independent group of analysts could prepare a more thorough, comprehensive assessment of Soviet strategic capabilities than could the intelligence community."[25] Colby was removed from his position in the "Halloween Massacre," referring to the major reorganization of Ford's Cabinet in 1975, when several prominent moderate Republicans in the administration were replaced by more conservative figures. And although his top analysts argued against

the inquiry, Bush checked with the White House, obtained a go-ahead, and by May 26 signed off on the experiment.[26]

When Team B's desired conclusions turned out to be completely unsubstantiated, they instead fabricated the assumption that the Soviets had developed systems that were so sophisticated that they were undetectable. According to Dr. Anne Cahn, who served with the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, between 1977 and 1980, Team B's numerous assessments of secret Soviet capabilities were all "fantasy." "If you go through most of Team B's specific allegations about weapons systems, and you just examine them one by one," she wrote, "they were all wrong."[27] She notes, for example, that they proposed, absurdly, that radars were laser beam weapons. Nevertheless, the neoconservatives set up a lobby group to publicize Team B's findings. It was called the Committee on the Present Danger, which a growing number of politicians joined, including a presidential hopeful, Ronald Reagan.

Rogue Agents

Le Cercle's Brian Crozier created his intelligence network The 61 with funding from both the CIA and the Heritage Foundation.[28] According to David Teacher, the "co-organisers" of the Cercle were "dissident veterans of the Anglo-American intelligence community – rogue agents": Ted Shackley; Nicholas Elliott, ex-senior man in MI6 whose close friends included James Jesus Angleton, Kim Philby and Miles Copeland; Donald Jameson a veteran of the CIA's Directorate of Operations; and the leader of the group, Brian Crozier, a British intelligence agent and journalist who succeeded Jean Violet as chairman of Le Cercle in 1980.[29]

Crozier wrote for Reuters and *The Economist*, was an editor for *The Sunday Times* and a commentator for the BBC. He also contributed articles to the CIA front Council for Cultural Freedom's (CCF) *Encounter* and wrote a column for *National Review*. A veteran of the cold war, Crozier advised the British ISI, MI6, the Information Research Department (IRD) of the British Foreign Office and the CIA. He successfully courted Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, and praised the dictators Pinochet and Franco. Crozier also

founded propaganda groups including the Institute for the Study of Conflict, and Shield which succeeded in getting Thatcher elected.

In 1977, Crozier would found The 61, to serve as Le Cercle's own internal intelligence service separate from any single nation's government.[30] In his book *Free Agent*, Crozier described 6I as "a private sector operational intelligence agency" to "provide intelligence in areas which governments were barred from investigating" and "to conduct secret counter-subversion operations in any country in which such actions were deemed feasible."[31] 6I included four-star Army General Richard G. "Dick" Stilwell, formerly of the Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA). Stilwell had worked closely with the CIA in the 1950s and 1960s to develop US counterinsurgency policy, which laid the groundwork for the American pacification program for Vietnam. After serving in the DIA, Stilwell was appointed Reagan's Assistant Secretary of Defence in charge of administration, and joined the board of the ASC.

In 1970, Crozier had established the Institute for the Study of Conflict (ISC), a right-wing propaganda group backed by the CIA. Crozier also had links to the Conservative Monday Club, the main political group echoing the ISC's concerns on communist subversion.[32] The Monday Club was set up within the Conservative party in 1961 to bring together defenders of South African Apartheid and White Rhodesia, in opposition to the decolonization and immigration policies of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.

A member and later patron of the Conservative Monday Club was Julian Amery, prominent MP on the Conservative Right with a long history of extensive intelligence, who would succeed Crozier as president of Le Cercle. His father Leo Amery, who was of Hungarian Jewish descent, and also an active Freemason,[33] was designated by Lord Alfred Milner to succeed him in guiding the Round Table group.[34] Leo Amery also helped draft the Balfour Declaration. Julian's brother, John Amery, British Free Corps (BFC), a unit of the Waffen-SS made up of British and Dominion prisoners of war who had been recruited by Germany. John also became a close associate of Jacques Doriot, founder of the Parti Populaire Français (PPF). John was eventually hanged for treason for his recruitment efforts and propaganda broadcasts for Nazi Germany. Julian Amery

attended the founding conference organized by Arthur Koestler in Berlin of the CIA-front, the Congress for Cultural Freedom, and served on its International Steering Committee. At the time, Amery was also one of the leading members of the Central and Eastern Europe Commission of the European Movement.[35]

Another Monday Club associate was Amery's Private Secretary as Housing Minister, Sir Winston Churchill. One of the club's earliest members was Sir John Biggs-Davison, a Conservative MP who had served on the PEU Central Council with Otto von Habsburg and Florimond Damman, founder of the *Academie Européenne des Sciences Politiques* (AESP) funded by Carlo Pesenti, a close friend of Le Cercle founder Antoine Pinay. Also included was George Kennedy Young, a Deputy Chief of MI6 who was involved with the CIA's Project Ajax, the coup against Mossadeq in Iran in 1953. Another early member was Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, later a Conservative MP from 1970 to 1974, who had founded the Foreign Affairs Circle, the British section of WACL.[36]

Almost all the key ISC staff were former MI6, IRD, CCF or FWF personnel.[37] The ISC was part of a London-based CIA propaganda operation called Forum World Features (FWF). In 1965, the CIA decided to use the CCF to create a new propaganda outlet, the FWF, chaired by Crozier, which would become one of the CIA's main covert propaganda outlets. Initial control of FWF ran via two CIA officers, one of whom was CCF President Michael Josselson. The legal and financial infrastructure for FWF was provided by one of the CIA's "quiet channels," millionaire John Hay Whitney, former member of the OSS, former US Ambassador to Britain and future publisher of the *International Herald Tribune*.

CIA funding for the FWF was provided via Crozier's old American friend Frank Barnett of the National Strategy Information Center (NSIC).[38] Barnett had had long experience in Cold War propaganda, having served from 1958 to 1962 as Program Director of the Institute for American Strategy (IAS). The IAS had its origins in the American Security Council (ASC). Barnett's colleagues in the IAS were IAS Administrative Director and Air Force Major-General Edward Lansdale. Barnett left the IAS in 1962 to found the NSIC

together with wartime OSS veteran William Casey, Reagan's future campaign manager and his first Director of the CIA.[39]

Barnett persuaded Richard Mellon Scaife, who funded the Heritage Foundation, to also fund the ISC and the FWF.[40] The American Security Council (ASC) and the Heritage Foundation had links to the Cercle through five ASC Board Members Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, senior member of Crozier's 6I; Team B and Le Cercle member Gen. Daniel O. Graham, and Gen. Robert Richardson of the Heritage Foundation; Gen. Lewis Walt, a founding member of Western Goals Germany; and ASC board member and eventual US Senator Adm. John S. McCain, who was the Republican nominee for the 2008 US presidential election.[41] McCain, a former Commander in Chief of US Pacific Forces (CINCPAC) from 1968 to 1972, was a board member of the ASC, and worked closely with Le Cercle's Brian Crozier's Institute for the Study of Conflict (ISC).[42] In 1997, *Time* magazine named McCain as one of the "25 Most Influential People in America."[43]

Another important staff member of the ISC was Robert Moss, who would become Crozier's close collaborator throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Moss would become editor of *Economist Foreign Report* from 1974 to 1980 and would serve as one of the CIA's main disinformation assets, particularly in the campaign to destabilize Chile's Salvador Allende in 1973.[44] In a paper presented to the International Institute of Strategic Studies in 1971, Moss was one of the first to identify the emergence of international terrorism. He edited *The Economist's* weekly Foreign Report from 1974-1980, and wrote for many other publications, including *The Daily Telegraph*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Republic* and *Commentary*. Moss drafted a speech for Margaret Thatcher in January 1976 warning about the Soviet military build-up, in response to which she was labeled the "Iron Lady" by the Soviet Army newspaper *Red Star*.[45]

The US Committee of the ISC (USCISC), which was formally launched in 1975, USCISC was the parent body for the Washington Institute for the Study of Conflict (WISC). The USCISC was chaired by George Ball, former Under-Secretary of State for Economic and

Agricultural Affairs under Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. One of the founding members of the Bilderberg Group, Ball was the third son of Amos Ball Jr., a vice-president of Standard Oil of Indiana. During 1945, Ball had collaborated with Jean Monnet and the French government in its negotiations regarding the Marshall Plan. During 1950, he helped draft the Schuman Plan and the European Coal and Steel Community Treaty. Ball was a member of the CFR and on the Steering Committee of the Bilderberg Group, attending every meeting except for one before his death.[46] Ball also served as American Ambassador to the United Nations in 1968, after which he was employed by Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb, until his retirement in 1982. The USCISC also included former senior CIA officers, the most famous of whom was Kermit Roosevelt, a veteran CIA coup-master of Project Ajax, the 1953 coup against Mossadegh in Iran.[47]

Another former senior CIA officer on the USCISC was Robert W. Komer, who together with his deputy William Colby, was the main architect of the notorious Phoenix Program.[48] The Phoenix program was inspired by the American students of General Paul Aussaresses, after they had sent a copy of *Cité catholique* member Roger Trinquier's *Modern Warfare* to Komer, who together with his deputy William Colby, was the main architect of the program.[49] In 1968, Komer was appointed Ambassador to Turkey, but after local riots about his presence, he left public service in 1969 and joined the RAND Corporation, producing their February 1972 study "The Malayan Emergency in Retrospect: Organization of a Successful Counterinsurgency Effort."[50] Komer was eventually brought back into the Carter Administration, whose national security policy was coordinated by fellow USCISC member Zbigniew Brzezinski.[51]

The ISC supported Le Cercle's propaganda efforts against the Soviet Union by producing professional and authoritative-sounding analyses, both for the general public and for more specialized audiences of academics, policy makers, police officials, and military commanders. They also pushed a revival of Cold War thinking in the face of *detente*, and offered training on measures to combat "subversion" to police and the military. Seed capital was provided by the CIA and oil companies like Shell and British Petroleum (BP). Antoine Pinay, who had a privileged relationship with Nixon and

Kissinger, personally handed them the ISC *Special Report European Security and the Soviet Problem* in 1972.[52] Richard Pipes had been working with Crozier's ISC since late 1973, when he served on an ISC Middle East Study Group whose findings would be published in March 1974 as the *Special Report Soviet Objectives in the Middle East*.[53]

CSIS

In 1979, the NSIC created the Consortium for the Study of Intelligence to organize a series of conferences in Washington whose proceedings would have considerable influence on the defense policy of the Reagan Administration. The conferences brought together many of the American allies of Le Cercle and Crozier's 6I. The first conference was a Colloquium on Analysis and Estimates, attended amongst others by Richard V. Allen, chief foreign policy advisor to Governor Reagan and a 6I contact, Barnett, Trager and Godson of the NSIC, Ray S. Cline and his close friend and associate Michael Ledeen, Professor Richard Pipes of the USCISC, and the then Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.[54]

Ledeen, explains Fred Landis, "was transmogrified from a petty propagandist into a national security expert through his post at CSIS. When Reagan took office, Ledeen was one of over 30 CSIS staffers to join the new administration."[55] Ledeen was senior researcher and editor of the *Washington Quarterly* published by the CIA-affiliated think-tank CSIS, founded in 1962, which had close links with Le Cercle's Institute for the Study of Conflict (ISC). Ledeen was brought to CSIS by David Abshire and Walter (Ze'ev) Laqueur. Laqueur is part of the Israel lobby at CSIS, together with Yonah Alexander and Edward Luttwak.[56]

As indicated by Landis, in the wake of the Church Committee investigations, the CIA had been forced to back off from its recruiting of agents from within the media. Therefore, as an alternative, the CIA made use of intellectuals at think tanks like CSIS, whose work was made public in publications like the *National Review*, *Commentary*, *New Republic*, and *Harper's*.[57] CSIS's funding is

provided in part by the Rockefeller Foundation, and major funders from Big Oil and the Military-Industrial Complex, including ExxonMobil, Bank of America, Boeing, Chevron, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and Saudi Aramco.[58] CSIS is formally a branch of Georgetown University, but its offices are all independent of the administration or faculty of the university. It conducts policy studies and strategic analyses with a specific focus on issues concerning international relations, trade, technology, finance, energy and geostrategy.

Members of CSIS subsequently made their way to the pinnacles of American policymaking, particularly during the Nixon, Ford and Reagan]] administrations. The CSIS board of trustees included many former senior government officials including Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, William Cohen, George Argyros and Brent Scowcroft. Within the intelligence community, CSIS is known for having "some of the most insightful analysis and innovative ideas for strengthening our national security," according to former CIA Director John Brennan.[59] In the University of Pennsylvania's 2013 *Global Go To Think Tanks Report*, CSIS is ranked the number one think tank in the world for "Top Defense and National Security Think Tanks."[60]

CSIS provided propaganda materials used by the CIA to destabilize the government of Chile in the run up to the 1973 Kissinger-instigated coup against Allende. CSIS's director of Latin American studies James Theberge provided reports that were published in a CIA-funded Chilean newspaper, *El Mercurio*.[61] That same year, CSIS jointly published with Crozier's ISC *The Stability of the Caribbean*, edited by Robert Moss, and with contributions from Theberge, which discussed purported Soviet influence in the region.

A CSIS-sponsored conference on the Communist threat to Italy, was held three months before the 1976 Italian election of Giulio Andreotti, whose Christian Democratic party received the bulk of the $75 million in covert funds the CIA sent to Italy from 1948 to 1976, in addition to the $6 million spent specifically for the 1976 elections. Panel members included William E. Colby, Ray Cline, John Connally, Clare Booth Luce, and Claire Sterling. Cline, a member of Shackley's Secret Team, was also a senior associate at CSIS. Clare Luce, the wife of Skull and Bones member and owner of *Time-Life*

Henry Luce, had been US ambassador to Italy when Colby was CIA Station Chief in Rome. Connally was then a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, the CIA's oversight panel. All the panelists agreed on the need for US action to prevent a communist victory in Italy, frequently citing the Chilean example as a "successful" precedent. They discussed the Italian Communist Party (FCI) as a "national security" threat to the United States and NATO. One of the CIA's favorite propaganda themes, according to Colby, was the charge that the FCI received secret Russian funding through a complex of party-controlled import-export firms that engaged in trade with Soviet-bloc countries.[62]

The day after the CSIS conference, the *New Republic* published an article by Claire Sterling and Ledeen claiming that the Italian Communist Party had received secret funding from the Soviets. The *New Republic* was at that time published by Robert J. Myers, a friend of Ray Cline, and former assistant to Colby at the CIA. Myers testified with Cline in January 1978 at congressional hearings on the CIA and the media, where he stated, "The reciprocal relationship between the CIA and the American press has been of value to both parties and often to the individuals themselves whose careers may have mutually benefited by such connections."[63] Similarly, in a study of CIA reorganization sponsored by the CSIS, Cline wrote, "I think links between our best intelligence analysts and the academic research people with expertise on subjects under study in Washington should be built up far more than has been possible because of fears that exchanging information and views with CIA is somehow a corrupting process."[64]

Terror Network

Noam Chomsky and Edward Herman called Ledeen a "neoconservative activist and disinformationist."[65] The phony stories Ledeen was involved in concocting was were that there was a KGB Mole in the Carter administration, who was the cause of the loss of Iran and Nicaragua; that the Soviet Union was behind an International Terror Network, and tried to kill the Pope; that the Libyans as well as Iranians tried to kill President Reagan; and that

Fidel Castro and Tomas Borge are major narcotics dealers. The first four of these hoaxes, explains Landis, were the “Mossad Party Platform” for the 1980 US elections. To peddle its expertise in the area of combating terrorism and to dupe American conservatives, pitched a Soviet threat. It tried to gain favor with the CIA and to further discredit the American foreign policy establishment by launching a witch-hunt against purported “moles.”[66]

In 1980, while working as Rome correspondent of the *New Republic*, Ledeen allegedly collaborated with right-wing Italian intelligence officers on a series of black propaganda operations. Just two weeks before the October 1980 election, the *New Republic* published a widely publicized story co-authored by Ledeen and de Borchgrave that helped Ronald Reagan unseat President Jimmy Carter. Headlined “Gaddafi, Arafat and Billy Carter,” they asserted the president’s brother borrowed money from Gaddafi of Libya, and had met secretly with PLO leader Yasser Arafat. The new charges were disputed by Billy Carter and many others, and were never corroborated. A 1985 investigation by Jonathan Kwitny in the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the *New Republic* article was part of a larger disinformation plot run by Ledeen and Francesco Pazienza, a P2 operative at the highest levels of SISMI, Italy’s Military Information and Security Service, to influence the election.[67]

In the early 1980s, Ledeen also appeared before the newly established Senate Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism, alongside former CIA director William Colby, author Claire Sterling and former *Newsweek* editor Arnaud de Borchgrave. Both Ledeen and de Borchgrave worked for the CSIS at the time. All four testified that they believed the Soviet Union had provided for material support, training and inspiration for various terrorist groupings.[68] Ledeen was influenced by Sterling’s best-selling 1981 book, *The Terror Network*, which alleged that all terrorist groups, from the PLO to the Baader-Meinhof group in Germany and the IRA were secretly operated by the Soviet Union. According to Melvin Goodman, the Head of Office of Soviet Affairs at the CIA from 1976-1987, the claims of a terror network were in fact black propaganda created by the CIA.[69]

ISC member Robert Moss and de Borchgrave, who was a senior adviser at CSIS and director of the Global Organized Crime Project, worked on two notorious disinformation novels, *The Spike* (1980) and *Monimbo* (1983), both heavily influenced by James Jesus Angleton and filled with plots of Soviet subversion launched with the assistance of the Sandinista government in Nicaragua and the complicity of left-wing journalists in Europe.[70] Moss and de Borchgrave also worked together in a "risk analysis" company, Mid-Atlantic Research Associates (MARA) with John Rees of the John Birch Society. Moss was later the creator of Active Dreaming, an original synthesis of dreamwork and shamanism.

Nevertheless, to recruit President Reagan to their objectives, the neoconservatives had set out to prove that the Soviet threat was far greater than what Team B had initially proposed. They would demonstrate that the majority of terrorism and revolutionary movements around the world were part of a secret Soviet conspiracy. As explained by Joseph Trento, with the Team B experiment:

> …Bush allowed the conservatives a foot in the CIA door and at the same time discredited the liberals and their work inside the Agency. These conservatives would one day control the policy and practices of the intelligence community under presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and George W. Bush. They would report in the early 1980s that America was falling behind the Soviet Union militarily and would encourage the massive buildup of American military hardware that occurred under Reagan. Under the elder Bush, they would encourage the 1991 Persian Gulf War, and under the younger Bush support the unproven missile defence system and another war in Iraq.[71]

Though the CIA initially denounced all such allegations as mere neoconservative fantasy, William Casey, who was the new head of the CIA, was a powerful ally of the neoconservatives. As reported by Barbara Honegger, who was present for the discussion, when Reagan asked Casey to explain his goal as CIA director, he responded, "We'll know our disinformation program is complete

when everything the American public believes is false."[72] Casey was convinced of the plot outlined in the *Terror Network* and called a meeting of the CIA's Soviet analysts and told them to produce a report for the President that proved the network existed. But the analysts informed him that much of the information in the book came from black propaganda the CIA deliberately invented to impugn the Soviet Union. All the analysts were therefore dismissed.

However, at the State Department, then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig and his director of policy planning Paul Wolfowitz also believed these charges and asked the CIA to prepare a National Intelligence Estimate on Soviet sponsorship of international terrorism. The draft estimate concluded that Moscow provided arms and training to such groups as the PLO and that Moscow's East European allies provided support to terrorist groups. It has been noted that there was no evidence of such Soviet involvement, nor is there any evidence of Soviet links to such groups as the Red Brigades in Italy, Baader-Meinhof in West Germany or the IRA. In fact, the draft explained that the bulk of the evidence pointed to the contrary and the intelligence organizations of Italy, West Germany and the United Kingdom agreed.[73]

2. Secret Team

Task Force 157

As the Black Eagle Trust Fund grew, it was distributed in private accounts across the globe in over 100 banks, and administered by General Earle Cocke, an associate of Bill Donovan, and financial advisor to every U.S. President from Truman to Clinton, until his death.[74] Cocke, a Grand Commander of the Knights of Malta, was the front man for Paul Helliwell. After he resumed private life, Robert B. Anderson, another key Black Eagle strategist, and friend of ASC founder and JFK conspirator Sid Richardson, remained intimately involved with the CIA's worldwide network of banks, set up after the war by Helliwell.

Helliwell would become the primary covert operations banker for U.S. intelligence, setting up in Nassau Castle Bank and then Mercantile Bank and Trust. According to Jim Drinkhall in the *Wall Street Journal*, Castle Bank was "set up and principally controlled" by Helliwell, who "was instrumental in helping to direct a network of CIA undercover operations and 'proprietaries.'"[75] Account holders at Castle Bank included Chiang Kai-Shek, as well as organized crime figures. Some of the most notable clients included John Fogerty and other members of *Creedence Clearwater Revival*, Tony Curtis, Hugh Hefner, *Penthouse* magazine owner Robert Guccione, and members of the Pritzker family owners of the Hyatt hotel chain. Reputed organized crime members that were customers included "Mr. Las Vegas," Jewish mafioso Moe Dalitz.[76] In the early 1970s, Castle Bank was investigated by the IRS, but the case was later dropped under pressure from the CIA, who claimed pursuit of the investigation would endanger "national security."[77]

When Castle Bank needed to be closed, Helliwell set up Nugan Hand Bank, a hornet's nest of Ted Shackley's "Secret Team," which became intimately involved in the Iran-Contra Operation.[78] In the early 1970s, Ted Shackley, Thomas Clines and Richard Armitage,

the bagman for their Van Pao opium funds into the Phoenix Program, knew that their secret assassination program was going to be shut down in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand in the near future. Thus, in 1973, they established the “Secret Team” to operate privately. They set up a number of front companies and transferred Van Pao opium proceeds to a secret bank account in Australia.

Nugan Hand was an Australian merchant bank which collapsed in 1980 after the suicide of one of its founders, Australian lawyer Frank Nugan, resulting in a major scandal. According to a 1983 Australian government report, and the *Wall Street Journal*, Nugan Hand was involved in money laundering for international heroin syndicates and secretly aided US covert activities. The bank employed a number of former high-ranking CIA and Pentagon officials, while former CIA director William Colby was its attorney. The bank was founded by Nugan and Michael Hand, a man with a high school degree who had gone to Vietnam with the Green Berets. Hand had served in the 1960’s as a CIA operative in Laos with Clines, Shackley, Armitage and Richard Secord, all key players in the Iran-Contra scandal.[79]

Secret Team member Edwin Wilson was involved in the Nugan Hand “bank,” as head of the US Navy’s super-secret Task Force 157. The task force, which operated even outside of the CIA’s oversight, was supervised by Henry Kissinger.[80] The task force was described by Bob Woodward in the *Washington Post* as “the U.S. military’s only network of undercover agents and spies operating abroad using commercial and business ‘cover’ for their espionage.”[81]

With the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, Shackley and Thomas Clines had retained Edwin Wilson to travel to Tehran, Iran. The Vang Pao proceeds transferred by Armitage to Tehran were to fund Wilson to head up the Secret Team’s secret assassination program against socialist and communist sympathizers, who were viewed as “potential terrorists” against the Shah of Iran’s government.[82]

Wilson claims Shackley asked him to go to Libya to keep an eye on Carlos the Jackal, the infamous terrorist, who was living there.[83] At the time, a strict sanctions regime was in place against Libya and the country was willing to pay a great deal for weapons and material.

During this 1977 to 1979 period, Wilson established contact in Libya with Muammar Gaddafi and secretly agreed to train Libyan anti-Shah terrorists in the use of deadly C-4 explosives inside Libya. Wilson also recruited a group of retired Green Berets to train Libyan military and intelligence officers. The Libyans used Wilson's provisions to advance their interests around the world, including training terrorist cells, like the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) under the command of Ahmad Jibril, who was suspected of being behind the bombing of Pan Am 103 in Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988. [84]

Wilson stated that his supplying of weapons to the Libyans was an attempt to get close to them and gain valuable intelligence.[85] However, according to the affidavit of Daniel Sheehan, part of the mission was to carry out the assassination of Gadhafi himself. Wilson's activities with these Libyan terrorists were actually intelligence-gathering activities designed to expose the enemies of the Shah and their plans. Once identified, Wilson would communicate directives to former Operation 40 operative, Rafael "Chi Chi" Quintero, who was responsible for their elimination.[86]

Shackley was also suspected of being part of Wilson's Egyptian-American Transport and Services Corporation (EATSCO), a front for his arms smuggling which was also accused of fraudulently billing the Department of Defense. Thomas Clines reportedly made "illicit millions" through EATSCO, but in prosecuting Edwin P. Wilson the U.S. government made a plea bargain that enabled him to escape prosecution, though he had to pay an additional $100,000 to settle civil claims.[87]

Shackley claimed that he would have become CIA director if President Gerald Ford had been reelected in 1976 and that only this investigation kept him from becoming CIA director or deputy director under new president Ronald Reagan.[88] After Nixon resigned, Ford brought in George H.W. Bush as Director of the CIA. Shackley was appointed Deputy Director of Operations, becoming second-in-command of all CIA covert activity. Shackley was hoping to eventually replace Bush as director of the CIA, but when Jimmy Carter was elected president, he replaced Bush with Stansfield Turner, Shackley was relieved of his deputy directorship in

December 1977, before officially retiring from the organization in 1979, when the Carter administration announced wide cuts in the CIA's network of officers and informants. Reportedly, Shackley was forced out of the CIA by Turner who disapproved of Shackley's involvement with former agent Edwin P. Wilson and Thomas Clines, who were under federal investigation for smuggling explosives to Muammar Gaddafi's Libya.[89]

Shackley had not given up hope however, and with the aim of getting Carter defeated in 1980, Shackley held several secret meetings with Bush as he campaigned for the Republican nomination. Shackley joined forces with Singlaub, his longtime OSS-CIA ally Ray Cline and Richard Helms to get Jimmy Carter removed from the White House. Cline' close friend Michael Ledeen, now the Reagan State Department's expert on terrorism, published an article in March 1980 criticizing Turner for forcing Shackley out of the agency.[90]

Club of Rome

Iran then happened to be under the newly installed Ayatollah Khomeini, then blustering about America as the "Great Satan." In reality, the installation of British agent Ayatollah Khomeini was orchestrated through an alliance of a faction of the Muslim Brotherhood with two Tavistock affiliated organizations, the Aspen Institute and the Club of Rome.[91] The Aspen Institute is largely funded by foundations such as the Carnegie Corporation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Ford Foundation. The Club of Rome was a project initiated by the Rockefeller family at their estate in Bellagio, Italy. The founders of the Club of Rome were all senior officials of NATO. The Club of Rome grew out of a 1965 international conference called "The Conditions of World Order," at the Villa Serbelloni in Bellagio, Italy, which was owned by the Rockefeller Foundation, and which was sponsored by the CIA-front, the Congress for Cultural Freedom (CCF), with a grant from the Ford Foundation and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.[92]

The founders of the Club of Rome were all senior officials of NATO. These included Aurelio Peccei, the chairman of Fiat who was

also chairman of the Economic Committee of the Atlantic Institute, and Alexander King, the co-founder, who was Director General of Scientific Affairs of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). In late October 1968, only half a year after the founding meeting of the Club of Rome, the OECD, in collaboration with the Rockefeller Foundation, held a “Working Symposium on Long-Range Forecasting and Planning” in Bellagio. [93]

An early member and supporter of the Club of Rome was Idries Shah who, as reported by Robert Dreyfuss in *Hostage to Khomeini*, worked with the Muslim Brotherhood in London. In 1965, Shah founded SUFI (Society for Understanding Fundamental Ideas), and dubbed himself Great-Sheikh, not only of the Naqshbandi, but of all Sufi orders. Several presentations were given by scientists like Alexander King to the Institute for Cultural Research (ICR), which was originally founded by Shah in 1965 as the Society for Understanding Fundamental Ideas (SUFI).[94] Other visitors, pupils, and would-be pupils included the poet Ted Hughes, novelists Alan Sillitoe and Doris Lessing, zoologist Desmond Morris, and psychologist Robert Ornstein, who co-wrote a book titled *On The Psychology of Meditation* (1971) with Oscar Naranjo. Over the following years, Shah established Octagon Press as a means of distributing reprints of translations of Sufi classics. Several of Shah’s books, Mulla Nasrudin, considered a folkloric part of Muslim cultures, were presented as Sufi parables, and which were discussed the Rand Corporation.[95]

October Surprise

At a November 1977 Lisbon conference sponsored by the Interreligious Peace Colloquium—an organization set up by Cyrus Vance and Sol Linowitz—Peccei conspired with several leading members of the Muslim Brotherhood, particularly with Seyyed Hossein Nasr of Teheran University, who was highly active during the Iranian revolution of 1979.[96] In 1974, Farah Pahlavi Empress of Iran commissioned Nasr, her personal secretary, to establish the Imperial Iranian Academy of Philosophy, the first academic institution

to be conducted in accordance with the intellectual principles of the Traditionalist School.

Nasr also had close associations with several important American scholars such as Huston Smith. *Wikileaks* has recently published four cables relating to Nasr which establish his connections to Henry Kissinger and CIA Director Richard Helms, back in 1976.[97] Nasr, who was a close friend of the Shah of Iran, is Professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University. During the days of the Shah, Nasr directed the academy's journal, *Sophia Perennis*. Nasr offered Peter Lamborn Wilson—also known as Hakim Bey, who founded the Moorish Orthodox Church of America (MOCA)—the position of editorship of the journal, which he edited from 1975 until 1978. Nasr is the father of Vali Nasr, who is currently Dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC, and a Senior Fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution. He appeared on *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart. Due to the accuracy of his political predictions, Nasr has been hailed as a shrewd forecaster.[98]

The Carter Administration, prompted by his National Security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, had collaborated with the British to topple the Shah and install Khomeini. In November 1978, President Carter had named George Ball, also a member of the Trilateral Commission, to head a special White House Iran task force under Brzezinski. Ball recommended that the US drop their support for the Shah in favor of Khomeini.[99] Soon after, in November 1979, David Rockefeller became embroiled in an international incident when he and Henry Kissinger, along with John J. McCloy and Rockefeller aides, persuaded President Carter through the U.S. Department of State to admit the Shah into the United States for hospital treatment for lymphoma. This action precipitated what is known as the Iran Hostage Crisis, when students belonging to the Fedayeen took over the American embassy in Tehran on November 4, 1979, where 52 Americans were held hostage for 444 days.

According to Barbara Honegger, who served as a researcher and policy analyst with the 1980 Reagan/Bush campaign, William Casey and other representatives of the Reagan presidential campaign had made a deal with the Iranians to delay the release of

Americans held hostage in Iran until after the November 1980 presidential elections, promising them that they would get a better deal if they waited until Carter was defeated. She alleges that arms sales to Iran were a part of that bargain.[100] The hostages were released twenty minutes after Reagan's inaugural address.

In an interview with the state-owned *Radio Audizioni Italiane* (RAI), the biggest television company in Italy, Richard Brenneke, claiming to be a former agent of the CIA, maintained that Gladio was also involved in the October Surprise conspiracy, to stall the release of the American hostages in Iran, as well as in the Iran-Contra operation. He further alleged that P2, under the guidance of Licio Gelli, used some of the finance made available by the CIA to set up agencies in West Germany, Austria and Switzerland. He also maintained that George Bush, then director of the CIA, not only knew about these CIA activities in Italy, but was in fact one of the masterminds behind them.

On January 20, 1981, at the moment Reagan completed his twenty-minute inaugural address, after being sworn in as President, the 52 American hostages were released by the Iranians into US custody, having spent 444 days in captivity. However, as revealed by Gary Sick, a US Navy officer who served on the National Security Council staff under Ford, Carter and Reagan, in *October Surprise: America's Hostages in Iran and the Election of Ronald Reagan,* the Reagan campaign for the presidency had involved secret talks with Iranian leaders to stall the release of the hostages in order to undermine Carter's credibility. The deal involved US and Israeli arms shipments, which the Iranians needed for their war with Iraq, thus beginning a series of transactions that would burgeon into the Iran-Contra operation.

Peace Through Strength

Despite his retirement in 1979, controversy continued to follow Shackley over his alleged involvement in great scandals of the Reagan era, including October Surprise, and later the Iran-Contra affair of the mid-1980s.[101] Reagan was a long-time member of the ASC before his election to the presidency.[102] Two prominent

backers of the ASC, oilmen A.C. Rubel and Henry Salvatori, were also part of the trio of Los Angeles millionaires who had launched Reagan into politics after the Goldwater defeat of 1964.[103] Reagan credited the ASC numerous times for providing the overall theme for the administration of his presidency.[104] A co-chairman of the ASC in the 1980s was James Jesus Angleton. In 1976, soon after his forced retirement from the CIA, Angleton set up the Security and Intelligence Fund (SIF). John M. Fisher, founder and long-time president of the ASC, was a founding director of SIF. Other career CIA officers affiliated with the ASC strategy board included Richard Bissell who was deputy CIA director under Allen Dulles, former Deputy Director of the CIA Ray Cline who was co-chairman and member of Shackley's Secret Team, and Daniel Arnold, a CIA officer apparently deeply involved in the drug trade.

After Jimmy Carter became President in 1977, the ASC began to organize opposition to his plans to ratify the SALT II treaty. For that purpose, the ASC and the ASCF formed the Coalition for Peace Through Strength (CPTS) in 1978, also in order to galvanize a network of right-wing support to defeat the Democratic Party's nominee in 1980. John Singlaub was Chairman of the CPTS, which, as detailed by Russ Bellant in *Old Nazis, the New Right and the Republican Party*, had links to Le Cercle and also served as a connecting point between Nazi collaborationists, fascists and the Reagan Administration.

Peace Through Strength (1952) was the title of a book about a defense plan by Bernard Baruch, godfather of the Military-Industrial Complex, who was listed among the founders, benefactors and strategists of the ASC.[105] As a presidential candidate Reagan joined the CPTS in 1978, and after his 1980 victory, the ASC was heavily represented on the transition teams and in his new administration. The CPTS favored military superiority over the Soviet Union, in flagrant violation of the SALT II treaty which was under consideration by the Congress at that time. The ASC produced *Attack on the Americas!* which was aired on 28 stations in the winter of 1980. The film showed urban scenes of violent military conflict with a voice-over talking about the spread of communism and the threat to the U.S. from Cuba and Central America. A second film,

made for the CPTS by the ASC, was entitled *The SALT Syndrome*, which was aired more than 1000 times.[106] The ASC produced a number such films for television promoting new weapons systems, usually funded partly by major defense contractors.[107]

While the CPTS became more involved in elections and lobbying for Reagan Administration priorities, the number of organizations in the Coalition grew from about forty in 1978 to 171 in 1986. An important member of the Coalition was the Republican Heritage Groups Council (RHGC), whose founding chair was Laszlo Pasztor, former member of the Hungarian Arrow Cross and he founding chair of the Republican Heritage Groups Council (RHGC). The vice-chair of the RHGC was Philip A. Guarino, Republican National Committee advisor, and an honorary American member of the infamous P2 Masonic lodge. Both Michelle Sindona and P2's Gelli were associates of Guarino.[108] Appointed chairperson of RHGC in 1987 was Anna Chennault, the wife of General Claire Chennault, who gained fame in the 1950's and 60's as an ardent advocate of Chiang Kai-Shek's dictatorship on Taiwan, and later for conspiring with Henry Kissinger to sabotage the 1968 peace talks to end the Vietnam War and ensure Nixon's election. She was also a member of the China Lobby, which for years has been closely linked to the authoritarian Taiwan regime.

The activities of RHGC head Karol Sitko's were conducted in concert with the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN), which served as a common milieu in which many CPTS members associated and networked.[109] The ABN took its current name in 1946 and claims direct descent from the Committee of Subjugated Nations, which was formed in 1943 by Hitler's allies, including the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA). Sitko was also the organizer for the West German branch of the Western Goals Foundation. When Yaroslav Stetsko, a prominent figure in the OUN who headed the ABN, visited the White House in 1983, his wife Slava Stetsko, who lived in Munich, West Germany, called on the ABN to support Reagan's re-election. She repeated the call to ABN chapters during 1984 as well. The Reagan campaign cooperated with ABN, including scheduling an appearance by RHGC chairman Michael Sotirhos, head of Ethnic Voters for Reagan-Bush

Campaign 1984 as well as the RHGC, at the 1984 ABN conference in New York City. Sotirhos said in an interview that “The Council was the linchpin of the Reagan-Bush ethnic campaign… The decision to use the Republican Heritage Groups was made at a campaign strategy meeting that included Paul Laxalt, Frank Fahrenkopf, Ed Rollins, and others.”[110]

Reagan regarded his Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), also popularly known as the “Star Wars” program, a key project of the ASC as a cornerstone of his Peace through Strength strategy.[111] SDI resulted from the efforts Le Cercle contact, retired Lt. Gen. Daniel O. Graham, who was Co-Chairman of the CPTS. A Knight of Malta, Graham was also a member of the ASC, and a close associate of John Singlaub, as well as a member of the Heritage Foundation. Graham was previously Deputy Director of the CIA under William Colby from 1973-1974, and then Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency DIA in 1974-76.[112] Graham was also Vice-President of the American branch of WACL and held posts on honorary committees of the America Friends of the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations.[113] In 1976, a year after the foundation of the US Committee of the ISC (USCISC), Bush asked Richard Pipes to work on the staff of Team B Graham.[114]

In March 1982, Graham and Heritage Foundation President Ed Feulner outlined the results of a study that urged the Reagan administration to adopt an all-out effort to develop both military and peaceful uses of space. On 23 March 1983, Reagan announced SDI in a nationally televised speech. In 1984, the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO) was established to oversee the program. As Thomas Bodenheimer and Robert Gould explained, SDI was: “…the central military goal of the right-wing movement, as expressed by analysts of the Hoover Institution and the Heritage Foundation, strongly conservative members of congress, and right-wing organizations such as the American Security Council. SDI brings together the sometimes feuding strands of the conservative movement: the traditional right, the New Right, the neoconservatives, and the military Right.”[115]

LaRouche Movement

CPTS partners included numerous organizations connected to the ASC and involving Nazi collaborationists, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, also known as the Shickshinny Knights, the Liberty Lobby and the LaRouche organization, headed by conspiracy wingnut Lyndon Larouche. Curiously, LaRouche claimed that Reagan's SDI was his idea. The claim wouldn't be so implausible if it wasn't for the fact that LaRouche was in contact with members of Shackley's Secret Team. LaRouche served as a non-combatant in the US army in the World War II, after which he was briefly associated with the Communist Party USA, before joining the Trotskyist Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in 1949. Within the SWP, LaRouche was part of a faction called the Revolutionary Tendency which was later expelled by the SWP in late 1963 and early 1964. LaRouche then joined the Spartacist League before founding the National Caucus for Labor Committees (NCLC), a group which previously had posed as left-wing but in fact harassed anti-nuclear and other left-wing demonstrations with the help of Western Goals, which was founded in 1979 by Singlaub with backing from Nelson Bunker Hunt.[116] The NCLC aimed to gain control of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), but the SDS expelled the NCLC in 1969.

LaRouche founded the US Labor Party in 1973 as the political arm of the NCLC. The LaRouche movement has included many organizations and companies around the world, which campaign, gather information, and publish books and periodicals. The publications included *Executive Intelligence Review*, founded in 1974. Other periodicals included *New Solidarity*, *Fusion Magazine*, *21st Century Science and Technology*, and *Campaigner Magazine*. LaRouche-affiliated political parties have nominated many hundreds of candidates for national and regional offices in the US, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Australia and France, for almost thirty years. LaRouche has run for U.S. president eight times, in every presidential election from 1976 to 2004. The first was for his own US Labor Party. In the next seven campaigns he ran for the Democratic Party nomination.

The LaRouche movement is seen as a fringe political cult.[117] LaRouche expected members to devote themselves entirely to the party, and place their savings and possessions at its disposal, as well as take out loans on its behalf, and party officials would decide who each member should live with.[118] Members all over the world would send information to NCLC headquarters, which would distribute the information via briefings and other publications. LaRouche organized the network as a series of news services and magazines, which critics say was done to gain access to government officials under press cover.[119] In 1984, LaRouche's research staff was described by Norman Bailey, a former senior staffer of the United States National Security Council, as "one of the best private intelligence services in the world."[120] At first the party was "preaching Marxist revolution" but by 1977 they shifted from left-wing to right-wing politics. As LaRouche stated in 1978, "It is not necessary to wear brown shirts to be a fascist… It is not necessary to wear a swastika to be a fascist… It is not necessary to call oneself a fascist to be a fascist. It is simply necessary to be one!"[121]

Carto's Liberty Lobby and elements of the Ku Klux Klan established contacts with LaRouche's ostensibly Marxist organization in 1974.[122] The Liberty Lobby defended its alliance with LaRouche by saying his US Labor Party had been able to "confuse, disorient, and disunify the Left."[123] Roy Everett Frankhouser, Jr., a former member of Rockwell's American Nazi Party who became Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, was a security consultant to LaRouche. Frankhouser was also an organizer of the Minutemen and a member of the National States' Rights Party, the National Renaissance Party, the Liberty Lobby, and the White Citizens Council. Frankhouser's homosexual lover and associate was Dan Burros, who was listed in Lee Harvey Oswald's address book. [124] Burros committed suicide in 1965 in Frankhouser's apartment when his Jewish background was revealed in the New York Times.

In 1972, Frankhouser marched down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan wearing a black storm trooper's uniform in defiance of the city's ban on wearing Nazi outfits in public. That same year, Frankhouser

approached the FBI about working as an informant, offering information on groups such as black militants, the Jewish Defense League (JDL), the Irish Republican Army and Black September.[125] The National Security Council approved a mission in which he was sent to Canada to infiltrate Black September, but he was unsuccessful.[126] Frankhouser was convicted of conspiring to sell 240 pounds of stolen dynamite in 1975 which were used in the bombing of a school bus in Pontiac, Michigan that killed one man. During the trial he revealed he was a government informant, saying that he was acting on behalf of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), though the government denied the assertion.[127] LaRouche initiated a legal defense on Frankhouser's behalf. When the LaRouche movement learned that Frankhouser was an informant, it saw that as evidence of the "FBI-CIA-Rockefeller-Buckley" control of the extreme Right.[128] Frankhouser became a security consultant for LaRouche in 1979 after he convinced LaRouche that he was actively connected to U.S. intelligence agencies.[129]

LaRouche hired Mitchell WerBell, a paramilitary trainer, arms dealer, and a colleague of the ASC's John Singlaub from their OSS days together in China.[130] WerBell had recently evaded separate indictments for arms smuggling and drug trafficking. WerBell was also in touch with Secret Team members such as Ted Shackley and Richard Secord, and allegedly was paid once through the Nugan Hand Bank.[131] According to Peter Dale Scott, ten days before his retirement, Singlaub attended a meeting of right-wingers who "Didn't think the country was being run properly and were interested in doing something about it."[132] WerBell introduced LaRouche to Singlaub, who later said that members of the movement implied in discussions with him that the military might help "lead the country out of its problems."[133]

WerBell was working as the "personal security adviser" to Lyndon LaRouche on a purported coup plot.[134] As noted by Peter Dale Scott, "What makes this disturbing is that the LaRouche movement was then suspected of looking for a dissident general to lead a military coup."[135] WerBell also introduced LaRouche to Larry

Cooper, a police captain in Powder Springs, Georgia, where WerBell was running a counterterrorist training camp for members of the LaRouche organization. According to Cooper, LaRouche had proposed the assassination of Jimmy Carter, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Joseph Luns, and David Rockefeller.[136] Frankhouser also testified that members of LaRouche's organization had asked him to assassinate Henry Kissinger.[137] However, in 1984, LaRouche said the allegations coming from WerBell's circle were fabrications that originated with operatives of the FBI and other agencies.[138] "I think they're a bunch of kooks of the worst form, Singlaub later wrote of the LaRouche organization. "I've been telling WerBell that if they're not Marxists in disguise, they're the worst group of anti-Semitic Jews [sic!] I've encountered. I'm really worried about these guys; they seem to get some people."[139]

Gregory Rose, a former chief of counter-intelligence for LaRouche and who became an FBI informant, said that while the LaRouche movement had extensive links to the Liberty Lobby, there was also extensive evidence of a connection to the Soviet Union.[140] As Dennis King details in *Lyndon LaRouche and the New American Fascism*, from 1974 to about 1983 members of the LaRouche network also repeatedly met and shared information with KGB officers and other Soviet officials. The LaRouchites claimed that they served as "the 'open channel' through which the KGB could pass 'policy-relevant' information to the CIA, and vice versa."[141]

LaRouche's associates had for some years been in contact with members of the Reagan administration about LaRouche's space-based weapons ideas, or what became the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).[142] His proposal was that the United States and Soviet Union could jointly develop systems which would, in due course, eliminate the danger of a ballistic missile attack. Between February 1982 and February 1983, with the approval of the National Security Council, LaRouche met with Soviet embassy representative Evgeny Shershnev to discuss the idea. LaRouche later attributed the collapse of the Soviet Union to its refusal to follow his advice to accept Reagan's offer to share the technology.[143]

Concerned by the threat of SDI, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev tried repeatedly at his four summits with Reagan to block its development and deployment. Gorbachev finally conceded that Russia could not compete with the United States in an arms race, and agreed to end the Cold War. Although many factors contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union, historians are agreed that one of the most salient one was Reagan's commitment to SDI. [144]

3. The Reagan Doctrine

Jerusalem Conference

The Reagan Doctrine was a strategy orchestrated and implemented under the Reagan Administration to overwhelm the global influence of the Soviet Union in an attempt to end the Cold War. The doctrine was an expansion of Carter's policy in Afghanistan, devised by Zbigniew Brzezinski, to bankrupt the Soviet Union by arming Islamic rebels. Under Reagan, the Le Cercle-connected Heritage Foundation and other conservative foreign policy think tanks saw a political opportunity to transform the policy into a more global "doctrine," involving American overt and covert support to anti-communist resistance movements in Soviet-allied nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. According to political analysts Thomas Bodenheimer and Robert Gould, "it was the Heritage Foundation that translated theory into concrete policy. Heritage targeted nine nations for rollback: Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Iran, Laos, Libya, Nicaragua, and Vietnam."[145]

The new strategy against the Soviet Union, which Reagan had characterized as the "evil empire," was orchestrated by the neoconservatives, spearheaded by Michael Ledeen. According to Fred Landis, Ledeen was "the missing link of covert operations by Mossad in the U.S. during the Reagan administration."[146] In 1981, fresh from his position as a leading conspirator in the Strategy of Tension in Italy and the Iran-Contra Affair, Ledeen began to serve as "anti-terrorism" advisor to Alexander Haig, now the new Secretary of State. Over the next several years, Ledeen would use his position as consultant to Haig, the Pentagon and the National Security Council under Ronald Reagan, to lead the neoconservatives in their attempt to demonstrate the notion of a global terrorist conspiracy based in the Kremlin, whose KGB pulled the strings of all of the world's key terrorist groups, especially in the Middle East.

Along with Norman Podhoretz, Midge Decter, Ronald Rumsfeld and other neoconservatives, Ledeen was a member of a CIA front called the Committee for the Free World (CFW), founded in 1981, and which was connected to Le Cercle. [147] The CFW was formed to defend "the values, the achievements and the institutions of Western Civilization."[148] Decter resigned from Basic Books to serve as Executive Director. Other members included neoconservatives Jeane Kirkpatrick, Irving Kristol, Melvin J. Lasky, Seymour M. Lipset, Saul Below, Jerzy Kosinski and the renowned scholar of Kabbalah and Sabbateanism, Gershom Scholem. Stephen Dorril notes that many of the founders of the CFW were involved in the Congress for Cultural Freedom (CCF), citing the example of Sidney Hook, a founding member of the CFW.[149]

In the lead up to the 1980 elections, according to Fred Landis, Israel had already built up a significant influence in the CFW, the Committee on the Present Danger, the National Strategy Information Center (NSIC), and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). These organizations went on to staff the Reagan transition teams for the CIA, NSC, Pentagon, and the State Department.[150] Several foundations that provided nearly half of the CFW's seed money held close ties to the CIA, including the John M. Olin Foundation, the Smith Richardson Foundation, long time banker of the National Strategic Information Council (NSIC), the Heritage Foundation, and the Scaife Family charitable trusts.[151] The Smith Richardson Foundation had CIA officials among its consultants reviewing grants and provided management training to the CIA.[152] The CFW was also funded by ExxonMobil.[153]

According to Decter, the CFW originated at an Israeli government-sponsored conference on terrorism in 1979.[154] She was referring to the Jerusalem Conference on International Terrorism at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel, convened by the Jonathan Institute on July 2 to 5, 1979, and attended by leading members of Le Cercle and the CFR. The Jonathan Institute, which was essentially a Mossad front, was founded by Benjamin Netanyahu, and included Israeli President Ephraim Katzir, as well as former presidents Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister Menahem Begin, Foreign

Minister Moshe Dayan, former Minister of Defense Shimon Peres, and Minister of Defence Ezer Weizman.[155] Netanyahu named the institute after his brother Yonatan Netanyahu, who died leading Operation Entebbe, a counter-terrorist operation carried out by the IDF at Entebbe Airport in Uganda on 4 July 1976, against a hijacking performed by the PFLP under orders of Wadie Haddad and members of the German Revolutionary Cells.

Netanyahu's grandfather was Rabbi Nathan Mileikowsky (1879 – 1935), a distant relative of the Gaon of Vilna (1720 – 1797), who had lent his support to the Sabbatean rabbi Jonathan Eybeschütz.[156] Mileikowsky was affiliated with the Revisionist movement, developed by Ze'ev Jabotinsky, who advocated a "revision" of the "practical Zionism" of David Ben-Gurion and Chaim Weizmann which was focused on independent individuals settling the Land of Israel. Revisionists had a vision of occupying Greater Israel, which they equated to the whole territory covered by the League of Nations Mandate for Palestine, including Transjordan. Mileikowsky also took part in the establishment of a public committee, headed by Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook. Netanyahu's father, Benzion Netanyahu (1910 – 2012), was Jabotinsky's personal secretary. In 1940, Jabotinsky sent several of his leading disciples, including Benzion and Irgun member Hillel Kook, younger brother of Abraham Isaac Kook, to the United States to seek funds and public support for the rescue of Europe's Jews and the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine. Benzion became executive director of the U.S. wing of the Revisionist Zionist movement, whose activities, according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "helped ensure that support for Zionism and later Israel would become a permanent part of American political culture."[157]

At the conference, Netanyahu sought to convince American conservatives that the interests of Israel were identical to those of the western democracies. Being just months before the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in December of that year, the conference, according to Netanyahu, "exposed… the full involvement of states in international terrorism, and the centrality of the Soviet Union and the PLO in fomenting and spreading it."[158] According to Phil Kelly's *The Leveller 52* (1981), and also set out in Edward Herman and Gerry

O'Sullivan's *The Terrorism Industry* (1990), the Jerusalem Conference on International Terrorism (JCIT) can be viewed as a key point in the formulation of an agenda that positioned "international terrorism" as being organized by the Soviet Union. As summarized by David Teacher, author of *Rogue Agents: The Cercle and the 6I in the Private Cold War 1951 - 1991*:

> This was used justify the requirement of a worldwide anti-terrorism offensive, involving the Western military intelligence services and the incorporation of think-tank and academic accounts of Soviet involvement in orchestrating the "international terrorist network." This network shifted its focus after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the present "war on terror."[159]

At the Jonathan Institute's launch, contributors included members of Le Cercle's network, Brian Crozier, Robert Moss, Sir Peter Wilkinson and Hans Josef Horchem, as well as ex-CIA chief George H.W. Bush, Ray Cline, Lord Chalfont, Russian dissident Vladimir Bukovsky, former member of the OAS Jacques Soustelle and Holocaust survivor and former Pan-European Union member, Gerhard Löwenthal.[160] Wilkinson, a senior veteran of the wartime Special Operations Executive (SOE) and former head of the IRD was later to become Coordinator for Security and Intelligence in the Cabinet Office. Wilkinson, later professor at Aberdeen and St. Andrew's universities, rose to become a prominent advisor on terrorism to Margaret Thatcher.

A follow-up publication to the conference, edited by Netanyahu, and published in 1981, *International Terrorism: Challenge and Response*, featured contributions from Shimon Peres, Paul Johnson, Hugh Fraser MP, Henry M. Jackson, Menachem Begin, Chaim Herzog, Richard Pipes, Brian Crozier, Ahron Yariv and Lord Chalfont, Robert Moss, George H.W. Bush, Ray Cline, Midge Decter, Norman Podhoretz and Claire Sterling.

The CFW's UK President was Lord Chalfont, a former British intelligence officer and allegedly "the CIA's man in the House of Lords," had been a member of the Executive Committee of the CIA-

funded European Movement.[161] During his career in politics, Chalfont was chief British negotiator for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and represented Britain within the Western European Union. From 1967 to 1969, he was also charged with negotiating British entry into the EEC, a move ultimately vetoed by de Gaulle. Chalfont was also a Council member of the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies (IEDSS), a primary beneficiary of the Heritage Foundation. The IEDSS Chairman was Heritage Foundation President Edward Feulner, and its Council included Heritage Fellow Richard V. Allen, Reagan's chief foreign policy advisor from 1977 to 1980 and later appointed as his first but short-lived National Security Advisor.[162]

Chalfont also chaired the second more widely publicized Jonathan Institute conference, held in 1984—the Washington Conference on International Terrorism. The conference was opened by Secretary of State George Schultz, and included Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Edwin Meese, Jack Kemp, Arnaud de Borchgrave, and neoconservatives like UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Charles Krauthammer, Norman Podhoretz, Midge Decter, and Bernard Lewis.[163] For Crozier, who also spoke at the conference, every guerrilla movement, including the PLO, the African National Congress or the IRA, was part of a subversive Soviet agenda.[164] George H.W. Bush gave a speech advocating precisely the type of "War on Terror" that would finally be pursued under his son's administration.[165]

Safari Club

Arnaud de Borchgrave would also benefit from close contacts with Le Cercle founder Alexandre de Marenches, the head of SDECE French intelligence, who, when asked where would be an interesting place to spend the Christmas of 1979, advised de Borchgrave to go to Afghanistan. De Borchgrave was then one of the few Western journalists on the spot during the Soviet invasion.[166] The Russian invasion of Afghanistan was deliberately provoked by the Americans, with the aim of bankrupting the Soviet Union and a revenge for the quagmire in Vietnam. The covert CIA operation that

followed, through the secret funding of the *Mujahideen* “freedom fighters,” was justified by the bogus claims of the *Terror Network*, which claimed that Russia were the source of international terrorism.

However, with the CIA’s hands tied following numerous revelations of wrong-doing, the agency was forced to operate outside the sanction of Congress. Instead, the CIA embarked on a large-scale narcotics and arms trafficking conspiracy known as Iran-Contra, which involved selling arms illegally to the Iranians using Israel as a conduit, in order to derive funds to secretly fund the Afghani “freedom fighters,” the *Mujahiddeen*, to be coordinated by Saudi Arabia and managed by the ISI, the Pakistani secret service.

The arrangement with Saudi Arabia was part of a long-standing agreement with the CIA begun with the Safari Club, founded by Alexandre de Marenches, whose purpose was to cooperate with the Saudis in order to bypass Congress. According to William Corson, who worked as an unofficial adviser to Frank Church, “The reforms of the CIA started by the Church Committee in its 1975 hearings came to a dead halt under Bush… the goal was to better hide things, not fix things.”[167] By “taking operations and putting them in the hands of private business and other countries, Congressional accountability could be avoided, and that’s what Bush allowed,” said former CIA associate Robert Crowley.[168] As described by one of the founders of the Safari Club, Prince Turki al Faisal:

> In 1976, after the Watergate matters took place here, your intelligence community was literally tied up by Congress. It could not do anything. It could not send spies, it could not write reports, and it could not pay money. In order to compensate for that, a group of countries got together in the hope of fighting Communism and established what was called the Safari Club. The Safari Club included France, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Iran. The principal aim of this club was that we would share information with each other and help each other in countering Soviet influence worldwide, and especially in Africa.[169]

The original charter of the Safari Club was signed in 1976 by leaders and intelligence directors from the five countries, who

included, in addition to de Marenches: Kamal Adham of Saudi Arabia's *Al Mukhabarat Al A'amah*; the Egyptian Director of Intelligence; Ahmed Dlimi, Moroccan Director of Intelligence and commander of the Moroccan Army; and General Nematollah Nassiri of Iran's SAVAK. When the Shah of Iran was reconsidering Brian Crozier's offer of 6I help for covert operations, he contacted Turki al Faisal, a nephew of Kamal Adham and considered his most likely successor, who put in a good word for Crozier's 6I. According to Joseph Trento in *Prelude to Terror*, Prince Turki was cultivated by various CIA operatives, including Ted Shackley, Thomas Clines, and Frank Terpil.

Prince Turki began his political career as deputy to his uncle, Kamal Adham, and then, his successor as the head of Saudi Arabia's *Al Mukhabarat Al A'amah* (General Intelligence Directorate), a position he held for 23 years, from 1979 until just 10 days before the 9/11 attacks. In 2002, Prince Turki was named in a multibillion-dollar lawsuit by the families of 11 September victims, alleging that he and other Saudi princes, banks, and charities may have funded the terrorists involved in the attack. Prince Turki al-Faisal was also head of Faisal Islamic Bank of Saudi Arabia, which has been named by Luxembourg banking authorities as being directly involved in running accounts for bin Laden.

Faisal Bank was founded by Youssef Nada, naturalized Italian, and a member of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood and *Gama al Islamiya*. Nada was another valued World War II Nazi. As a young man, Nada had joined the armed branch of the "secret apparatus" of the Muslim Brotherhood, and then was recruited by German military intelligence. When Grand Mufti el-Husseini had to flee Germany in 1945, as the Nazi defeat loomed, Youssef Nada is rumored to have been personally involved in arranging his escape through the SS via Switzerland back to Egypt and then Palestine.[170]

Nada served as president of Al Taqwa, a bank which had been channeling funds to Muslim extremist organizations around the world, which included Hamas in Palestine. Hamas, another important faction of the Muslim Brotherhood, was created by the Mossad, the Israeli secret service. The Mossad, like many other Western intelligence services, also maintained a long-standing relationship

with the Muslim Brotherhood. According to Robert Dreyfuss, in *Devil's Game: How the United States Helped Unleash Fundamentalist Islam*: "And beginning in 1967 through the late 1980s, Israel helped the Muslim Brotherhood establish itself in the occupied territories. It assisted Ahmed Yassin, the leader of the Brotherhood, in creating Hamas, betting that its Islamist character would weaken the PLO."[171]

Nada was a close associate of the notorious Yusuf al Qaradawi. Qaradawi, a long-standing member of the Muslim Brotherhood, having worked directly with Hassan al Banna, twice declined offers to lead the organization, but claims to be accepted by them as their Mufti. In 1988, al Qaradawi and Nada had founded the Bank *Al-Taqwa*, literally meaning "Fear of God." *Al Taqwa* was the Muslim Brotherhood's semi-official bank, whose international branch was long associated with Said Ramadan. It was eventually accused by the US Treasury Department during the Bush administration of financing al Qaeda.[172]

Nada is the key conduit of continuing ties between the Muslim Brotherhood and neo-Nazis. Nada has also been associated with neo-Nazi from the Avalon Gesselschaft Ahmed Huber, who served on Nada Management, a component of *Al-Taqwa*. Nada was appointed president to *Al Taqwa* by former Nazi Francois Genoud, described by the *London Observer* as "one of the world's leading Nazis."[173] Genoud eventually converted to Islam and befriended Said Ramadan in in Geneva.[174] Genoud became the banker of choice for both neo-Nazi movements and Middle Eastern terrorists, earning the nickname the "Black Banker."[175] Genoud employed Nazi gold to pick up the tab for the legal defense of Adolf Eichmann, Klaus Barbie, and Carlos the Jackal.[176] Through his friendship with Wadi Haddad, Genoud backed the PFLP and also established a working relationship with the PLO.[177] Along with Noam Chomsky, Simone de Beauvoir, Jean-Paul Sartre, and other intellectuals, Genoud was a member of a committee which mounted a humanitarian campaign in the 1970s, which resulted in the pardon in 1977, after seven years in prison, of Bruno Bréguet, a Swiss militant who was the first European to be tried and sentenced in Israel for

their pro-Palestinian activities.[178] Genoud said “My views have not changed since I was a young man. Hitler was a great leader, and if he had won the war the world would be a better place today.”[179]

Grand Chessboard

The Mujahideen of Afghanistan, like their counterparts in Iran, represented branches of the Muslim Brotherhood—a quasi-Masonic organization rooted in the Salafism of Jamal ud-Din al Afghani, one of H.P. Blavatsky’s “Ascended Masters” and the source of Saint-Yves d’Alveydre’s synarchism—which had long-standing ties with the CIA. The Ayatollah Khomeini was a longtime member of the Iranian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, known as the Fedayeen-e Islam. Their name, as noted Bernard Lewis, was borrowed from the eleventh century Assassins.[180] The group was founded in 1945 by Ayatollah Kashani, Khomeini’s god-father and mentor, who had assisted the CIA and MI6 in their overthrow of Mossadegh in 1953. Kashani was funded by the CIA, according to John Waller, who had joined the OSS in WWII, ran US operations in Iran from 1946 to 1953 and then served in the CIA until the 1970s.[181]

Little publicized in the West is the fact that the Americans started to fund factions of the Muslim Brotherhood in Afghanistan, knowing full well that it would provoke the Russians into invading the country.[182] Under this intense lobbying, Reagan agreed to yield to the neoconservatives and signed a secret document that would now allow the funding of covert operations to combat the supposed hidden Soviet threat around the world.[183] Over the first five years, the US objective was not to win the war or defeat the Soviets and force a withdrawal, but rather to bleed and cause them international embarrassment, by embroiling them in their own version of Vietnam. It consisted of assisting the Muslim “freedom fighters,” the *Mujahideen* of Afghanistan, who were combatting the Soviets since their invasion of the country in 1979. The secret war was part of the Americans’ ongoing confrontations, both during and after the Cold War, known as the *New Great Game*, a conceptualization of modern geopolitics in Central Eurasia, as a competition between the US, Britain and other NATO countries against Russia, China and other

Shanghai Cooperation Organization countries for “influence, power, hegemony and profits in Central Asia and the Transcaucasus.”[184]

The new confrontation in Afghanistan was part of a long-term plan devised by Carter’s Secretary of State Zbigniew Brzezinski. Brzezinski’s plan was itself an extension of the one devised by influential neoconservative academic Bernard Lewis, a former British agent and Oxford university specialist in Islamic studies. In May of 1979, four months after the installation of the Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran, Lewis presented a detailed study on the phenomenon of Islamic fundamentalism at a Bilderberg meeting in Austria. Lewis’ proposal then came to be known as the Bernard Lewis Plan, a revision of the British *Divide and Conquer* strategy, which endorsed the Muslim Brotherhood movement behind Khomeini, in order to promote the Balkanization and fragmentation along ethnic and religious lines of the entire Muslim Near East. Lewis argued that the West should encourage nationalistic upheavals among minorities, such as the Lebanese Maronites, the Kurds, the Armenians, Druze, Baluchis, Azerbaijani Turks, Syrian Alawis, the Copts of Ethiopia, Sudanese mystical sects, Arabian tribes and so on.[185]

Brzezinski accepted Lewis’ hypothesis, in believing that Islamic fundamentalism could be played as a “geo-strategic” card to destabilize the USSR.[186] In his plans, Brzezinski was inspired by the ideas of Halford Mackinder, one of the founding fathers of “geopolitics.” What Brzezinski learned from Mackinder was to regard the domination of the world as dependent on control of Eurasia, which in turn was dependent on control of Central Asia. In Brzezinski’s time, however, the several states of Central Asia were all under Soviet domination, and included many of the “stans,” like Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Also in Central Asia, but only within the sphere of Soviet influence, was Afghanistan. Brzezinski’s plan was to create an “Arc of Crisis” by igniting a vanguard of Islamic fundamentalism across the Middle East and Asia to confront the Soviets.[187] In the second chapter of *The Grand Chessboard*, entitled "The Eurasian Chessboard," Brzezinski describes a "global-zone of percolating violence" that can be skillfully manipulated to impede Eurasian integration. According to a map of this region in the book, this zone includes all of Central

Asia, extending westward to include Turkey, northward to include southern Russia and eastward to touch upon the western borders of China. It includes the entire Middle East, where Brzezinski claims it is imperative for the United States to retain control, especially in the critical Persian Gulf. And, the zone extends eastward to include Afghanistan and Pakistan, up to the latter's border with India.

Brzezinski worked closely with a protégé of Albert Wohlstetter, Afghan-born American diplomat Zalmay Khalilzad, who eventually served as advisor to Unocal, which is now Chevron. From 1979 to 1989, the Afghan-born Khalilzad worked as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. In 1984, Khalilzad accepted a one-year Council on Foreign Relations fellowship to join the State Department. From 1985 to 1989, Khalilzad served in President Ronald Reagan's Administration as a senior State Department official advising on the Soviet war in Afghanistan and the Iran–Iraq War. In this role, he developed and guided the international program to promote the merits of a Mujahideen-led Afghanistan to oust the Soviet occupation. While at RAND, Khalilzad served as consultant for Unocal (now Chevron) for a proposed 1,400 km, $2-billion, Trans-Afghanistan gas pipeline project which would have extended from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan and further proceeding to Pakistan.

Iran-Contra Operation

In 1984, William Francis Buckley, a member of Ted Shackley's Secret Team, and at the time a diplomat attached to the US Embassy in Beirut, was kidnapped by the Hezbollah, a fundamentalist Shiite group with strong links to the Khomeini regime. Casey asked Shackley for help in obtaining Buckley's freedom. Three weeks after Buckley's disappearance, Reagan signed the National Security Decision Directive 138, drafted by Oliver North, which outlined plans on how to get the American hostages released from Iran and to "neutralize" terrorist threats from countries such as Nicaragua. This new secret counterterrorist task force was to be headed by Shackley's old friend, General Richard Secord.

Thus, the Iran-Contra deal was born. On December 12, 1986, Daniel Sheehan submitted to the court an affidavit detailing the Iran-Contra scandal. It gradually emerged that Singlaub, William Casey, Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, and members of Ted Shackley's Secret Team, including Richard L. Armitage, Thomas G. Clines, Edwin Wilson and Richard Secord, were also involved in the conspiracy to provide arms to the Contras in Nicaragua, which was prohibited by Congress under the Boland Amendment. According to Jane Hunter, Jonathan Marshall and Peter Dale Scott in *The Iran-Contra Connection: Secret Teams and Covert Operations in the Reagan Era*.

> A significant degree of policy-forming leadership may have actually been "privatized," passing to an assortment of fringe forces represented by such notables as Singlaub, Secord, and Clines, who in this sense provided the basic framework within which Reagan, McFarlane and Casey have acted, with North and Poindexter featured as trustworthy handmaidens.[188]

While working on the attempt to undermine the government of Fidel Castro in Cuba, Thomas Clines became friends with Rafael "Chi Chi" Quintero, who joined Operation 40. During that period, beginning shortly after the 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion, Clines developed a personal friendship with Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza Debayle, after his father, Anastasio Somoza Garcia, allowed the CIA to train anti-Cuban rebels in the country.[189] Quintero, Manuel Artime and Felix Rodriguez moved to Nicaragua creating an army of 300 men and obtained weapons, supplies and boats to invade Cuba. When Clines was given responsibility for Nicaragua in 1978, Clines recruited Quintero to help the CIA in its efforts against the democratically-elected socialist Sandinistas that governed Nicaragua.

This included helping Nicaragua's president Anastasio Somoza Debayle to develop a counter-subversion program in the country. In 1979, as a result of growing opposition from the Sandinistas, Somoza resigned the presidency and fled to Miami. He was the last member of the Somoza family to be President, ending the American-

supported dynasty that had been in power since 1936. Somoza's Nicaragua was thoroughly anti-Communist, maintaining ties with South Africa and Taiwan. Israel was the last supplier of weapons to the Somoza regime, because during the Israeli War of Independence in 1948, Somoza's father provided substantial financial support for Israel. He took with him the caskets of his father and brother and, it is claimed, much of Nicaragua's national treasure leaving the country with, it is claimed, a $1.6 billion foreign debt, the highest in Central America.[190]

Somoza was denied entry to the US by President Carter. He later took refuge in Paraguay, then under the dictatorship of Alfredo Stroessner, a close ally of Augusto Pinochet, who had also provided refuge for Argentina's Juan Peron. In a CBS interview with Mike Wallace, Stroessner, in response to criticism of his regime, mentioned his good relations with Israel. Those same relations were described in the Israeli press as "excellent."[191] Stroessner was a good customer of the Israeli arms industry, and used only Israeli weapons to arm his bodyguards. Paraguay's voting record at the United Nations is the most consistently pro-Israeli of any nation in the world.[192]

In 1977, Vatican banker Roberto Calvi had developed close relations with Somoza, and opened a subsidiary, the *Ambrosiano Group Banco Comercial*, in Managua. According to one source, it was P2 Grand Master and Gladio kingpin Licio Gelli, a friend of Ledeen, who "smoothed the way" for Calvi's use of Somoza's offer of bank secrecy, "after several million dollars had been dropped into the dictator's pocket." In 1978, to avoid an investigation by the Bank of Italy, Calvi "moved the axis of [his international] fraud to Nicaragua."[193]

Having been designated a State Sponsor of Terrorism since January 1984, the sale of arms to Iran was the subject of an arms embargo. Iran was in the midst of the Iran–Iraq War and could find few Western nations willing to supply it with weapons. On February 5, 1986, Shackley was interviewed by the Tower Commission investigating the Iran–Contra affair, and reported that he met in Hamburg, West Germany, in November 1984, with General Manucher Hashemi, the former head of the counterintelligence

division of Iran's SAVAK intelligence service, where he was introduced to Manucher Ghorbanifar, who had close ties to Mossad.[194] Prior to the 1979 Iranian Revolution, Ghorbanifar was an agent of SAVAK, and a partner in an Israeli-Iranian shipping company, Starline Iran, which shipped oil from Iran to Israel.[195] Ghorbanifar knew Israel's military attaché in Tehran, Mossad agent Yaakov Nimrodi, who helped build SAVAK.[196] Ghorbanifar attempted to show that he and Hashemi had influence in Iran by stating that the Iranians would be willing to trade captured Soviet equipment for TOW missiles. Ghorbanifar also proposed that a cash payment be offered as ransom for the four American hostages held in Beirut, Lebanon (which included William Francis Buckley) and that he act as the intermediary.

Shackley prepared a memorandum which he shared with Michael Ledeen in May 1985, who ultimately forwarded it in June to Oliver North, the staff officer on the National Security Council responsible for counter-terrorism.[197] On 17 June 1985, National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, whom Ledeen was serving as a consultant of National Security Adviser, wrote a National Security Decision Directive which called for the United States to begin a rapprochement with Iran. Only William Casey supported McFarlane's plan to start selling arms to Iran. In early July 1985, Ledeen requested assistance from Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres for help in the sale of arms to Iran.[198] The idea behind the plan was for Israel to ship weapons to Iran through Ghorbanifar, after which the United States would reimburse Israel with the same weapons, while receiving monetary benefits. Large modifications to the plan were devised by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North of the National Security Council in late 1985, in which a portion of the proceeds from the weapon sales was diverted to fund anti-Sandinista fighters, known as Contras, against the socialist government of Nicaragua.

North later claimed that Ghorbanifar had given him the idea for diverting profits from TOW and HAWK missile sales to Iran to the Contras.[199] Ghorbanifar had become Ledeen and North's principal Iranian contact, with Ledeen vouching for Ghorbanifar to McFarlane.[200] However, CIA director Casey ordered three separate lie-detector

tests, all of which Ghorbanifar failed. Iranian officials also suspected Ghorbanifar of passing them forged American documents. The CIA issued a “Fabricator Notice” on Ghorbanifar in 1984, meaning he was regarded as an unreliable source of intelligence, and a 1987 congressional report on Iran–Contra cites the CIA warning that Ghorbanifar “should be regarded as an intelligence fabricator and a nuisance.”[201]

Several major US allies, including Israel, Taiwan, South Korea and Saudi Arabia assisted the CIA in supporting the Contras. Given Israel’s relationship with Nicaragua’s former Somoza regime, it is not surprising that it became active an participant in the Iran-Contra affair. According to Peter Dale Scott, “No country… has played a more significant surrogate role in both Central America and Iran than Israel.”[202] Nicaraguan president Ortega has consistently pointed out Israeli support for the Contras. When the CIA was setting up the Contras in 1981, the Mossad provided members of Israel’s leading commando outfits for training. One of the Contras’ leaders, Commandant Eden Pastora, based in Costa Rica, refused to accept direct CIA aid, but accepted Israeli aid. According to the CIA sources, the Israeli effort to support the Contras was financed by the CIA. In July 1983, the *New York Times* reported that, “Israel, at the request of the United States, has agreed to send weapons captured from the Palestine Liberation Organization to Honduras for eventually use by Nicaraguan rebels.[203]

The Latin-American branch of the WACL, the Anti-Communist Conference (CAL), played a key role in forming the initial core Contra group, which later became the main FDN Contra faction of Enique Bermudez.[204] John Singlaub joined the WACL, through which the CIA extended its history of drug-trafficking from the Golden Triangle in Asia, to the heroin of Afghanistan and cocaine of Nicaragua in support of “freedom fighters” against communism.[205] In January 1985, Singlaub visited South Korea and Taiwan in order to obtain money and weapons for the Contras. This money was raised via the WACL.[206]

The WACL also enjoyed support from both the Carter and Reagan administrations in the United States, particularly with regard to its backing of right-wing paramilitary death squads in Latin

America, like the Nicaraguan guerrillas in the Iran-Contra affair.[207] In 1981 by Singlaub founded the US chapter of the WACL, the United States Council for World Freedom (USCWF), which was responsible for producing what its opponents call “troops of killers,” while ostensibly organizing to provide support for Corazon Aquino from the right-wing in the Philippines and for supporting the Mozambican National Resistance (RENAMO) movement in Mozambique. Joseph Coors privately donated $65,000 through National Security Council adviser Oliver North to buy a light cargo plane for the Contras effort.[208]

Bank of Crooks and Criminals

Alan Quasha, the son of the Manila-based attorney William Quasha, who advised executives of the Nugan Hand Bank in Australia, was the chairman of George W. Bush’s Harken Energy Corporation, which emerged in 1986 from his earlier venture, Arbusto. Bush’s first business, Arbusto Energy, obtained financing from James Bath, a family friend. Bath was recruited in 1976 by then CIA Director, George Herbert Bush, to create offshore companies to move CIA funds and aircraft between Texas and Saudi Arabia.[209] One of James Bath’s former business partners, Charles W. “Bill” White, a former Annapolis graduate and United States Navy pilot, claimed that Bath was involved in a secret conspiracy to funnel Saudi money into the United States. He also claimed that, since 1976, Bath had worked as a CIA liaison to Saudi Arabia.

Bath became the sole U.S. business representative of Salem bin Laden, head of the wealthy Saudi Arabian family, and one of seventeen brothers to Osama bin Laden. When Salem bin Laden died in 1988, Khalid bin Mahfouz, the head of Saudi Intelligence, inherited his interests in Houston.[210] Until the early 90s, Bath was also involved with bin Mahfouz in their company, Southwest Airport Services, refuelers of the presidential plane, Air Force One, when the president was in Houston. [211] Bath also operated Skyway Aircraft Leasing Ltd., an aviation business based in the Cayman Islands, owned by bin Mahfouz.[212]

Bath then ran a business for bin Mahfouz, and joined a partnership with he and Gaith Pharaon, frontman in Houston for the infamous Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), the primary conduit for CIA funds to the Mujahideen fighting in Afghanistan. BCCI, the first Third World multinational bank, which was created in 1972 by Pakistani banker Agha Hasan Abedi. *Newsweek* later reported, however, that CIA officials appeared to have been involved in the bank's founding and that Abedi had been encouraged by the CIA to found the bank after "the agency realized that an international bank could provide valuable cover for intelligence operations."[213] 25% of BCCI's startup capital was from Bank of America and the remaining 75% from Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Abedi was also a member of the 1001 Club, founded in 1971 by Anton Rupert, Prince Philip, and ex-SS officer and Bilderberg Group founder Prince Bernhard, to cover the administrative and fundraising aspects of the World Wildlife Federation (WWF), established in 1948 by Bernhard and Julian Huxley. The list sordid characters associated with the 1001 Club have included Mobutu Sese Seko, Nelson Bunker Hunt, J. Peter Grace, Paul Mellon, John M. Olin, Clint Richardson's son John D. Murchison, Peter Munk, Permindex-founder Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, Salem Bin Laden, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, and Juan Carlos of Spain.[214]

Also serving as a consultant for BCCI was Le Cercle chairman Julian Amery, leading member of the Conservative Monday Club. Julian's father was Leo Amery who drafted the Balfour Declaration at the request of Round Tabler Alfred Milner. Leo also encouraged Ze'ev Jabotinsky to form the Jewish Legion for the British Army in Palestine. Julian's brother, John, was hanged for high treason for supporting Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy during the World War II. Julian was also a good friend of David Stirling, founder of the SAS, with whom he helped orchestrate British involvement in the North Yemen Civil War with Saudi funding.[215] Amery explained in late 1962s:

> The prosperity of our people rests really on the oil in the Persian Gulf, the rubber and tin of Malaya, and the gold, copper and precious metals of South- and Central Africa. As long as we have access to these; as long as we can realize the investments we have there; as long as we trade with this part of the world, we shall be prosperous. If the communists [or anyone else] were to take them over, we would lose the lot.[216]

The collapse of BCCI in what the *Wall Street Journal* called "the world's largest bank fraud" also ensnared fellow Black Eagle Fund conspirator Clark Clifford, who was indicted for fraud. Former Navy Captain Clark Clifford, who was Truman's aide for national security matters who was briefed by Captain Lansdale, was Robert B. Anderson's protégé and intimate friend. Together, Anderson and Clifford would become major power brokers in Washington.[217] As an American lawyer, Clifford served as an important political adviser to Democratic presidents Truman, Kennedy, Johnson, and Carter.

CIA assistant director Robert Gates once referred to BCCI jokingly as the "Bank of Crooks and Criminals."[218] CIA director Bill Casey had wanted to establish an offshore entity capable of conducting covert operations that was "stand-alone," financially independent, and free from congressional oversight. BCCI was the solution. In the early eighties, Casey began meeting regularly with Abedi in Washington DC.[219] While he had until then been reticent, some secret deal seems to have been struck with Casey, because Abedi then moved aggressively to establish BCCI in the US.[220] "Black funds" for the CIA traveled through BCCI for the Contra war, the Iranian-Israeli payoffs, and large covert wars in Afghanistan and Angola. BCCI became the favored bank for Middle Eastern terrorists, and arms and drug runners, South American drug cartels, organized crime lords, and intelligence services such as the ISI, Mossad, MI6 and the CIA. Radio Canada has alleged that British, Swiss and Canadian laundered hundreds of millions of dollars of the finances of the Gladio-linked Solar Temple cult of Luc Jouret, and that some had been channeled through BCCI before the bank was closed in 1991. [221]

One of BCCI's early moves to gain legitimacy was its purchase in 1976 of 85% of the *Banque de Commerce et Placements of Geneva*, Switzerland. After taking over the bank, BCCI installed Alfred Hartmann as manager. Hartmann then became the chief financial officer for BCC Holding, and thus one of BCCI's most influential directors. Hartmann maintained connections with the Rothschilds, being president of Rothschild Bank AG of Zurich. Hartmann was also vice-chairman of NY-InterMaritime Bank of Geneva, run by Mossad operative Bruce Rappaport, who was on the board of N.M. Rothschild and Sons in London.

A branch of BCCI was set up in Panama for the cash that Colonel Manuel Noriega was funneling out of his country. In 1975, Noriega was closely involved in *Operation Watch-Tower*, a CIA run series of missions dedicated to shipping massive quantities of Cocaine from Bogata, Columbia, to Panama and onward to the United States for distribution. Directed by Edwin Wilson and Frank Terpil, the operation was also supported by the Mossad.[222] Noriega's mentor was Mossad intelligence agent Michael Harari, who supervised what became known as the Harari Network, set up in 1982 by the Reagan administration and the Israeli government. Operating out of Mexico, Panama, and Florida, the network worked with Colombia's Medellin and Cali cocaine cartels, shipped guns to the Contras and smuggled cocaine from Colombia to the US via Panama.[223] It was the CIA that had set up the meetings in which various Colombian drug dealers organized into a drug trafficking Medellin cartel in 1981, permitting it to deal with a group rather than many independent drug dealers.[224]

CIA documents that later surfaced during congressional hearings on the bank's activities stated that BCCI was directly involved in "money laundering, narco-financing, gunrunning and holding large sums of money for terrorist groups."[225] In addition, BCCI appears to have been involved in the sex trafficking of underage girls, including girls that had not yet reached puberty. According to the report entitled "The BCCI Affair," by then-U.S. Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Hank Brown (R-CO), BCCI officials were alleged to have obtained leverage with powerful individuals, including prominent members of the ruling families of the United

Arab Emirates (UAE), by providing them with young virgins.[226] The report (page 70) specifically states:

> According to one U.S. investigator with substantial knowledge of BCCI's activities, some BCCI officials have acknowledged that some of the females provided some members of the Al-Nahyan family were young girls who had not yet reached puberty, and in certain cases, were physically injured by the experience. The official said that former BCCI officials had told him that BCCI also provided males to homosexual VIPs."[227]

One lesser-known fact about Khashoggi is that, at the time of his Iran-Contra operation, he was in the employ of Mossad, according to former Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky, author of *By Way of Deception*. According to the report entitled "The BCCI Affair," by then-U.S. Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Hank Brown (R-CO), Khashoggi "acted as the middleman for five Iranian arms deals for the United States, financing a number of them through BCCI" and "served as the 'banker' for arms shipments as the undercover scheme developed." The report continued:

> Khashoggi and Ghorbanifer performed a central role for the U.S. government in connection with the Iran-Contra affair in operations that involved the direct participation of CIA personnel [and both Khashoggi and Ghorbanifer] banked at BCCI's offices in Monte Carlo and, for both, BCCI's services were essential as a means of providing short-term credit for sales from the U.S. through Israel to Iran."[228]

In 1979, George W. Bush's first business, Arbusto Energy, obtained financing from Bath. In the *Outlaw Bank*, Beaty and Gwynne suggest that Bath's investment in Arbusto may have belonged to bin Mahfouz, since Bath "had no substantial money of his own at the time."[229] In 1987, when Harken ran into trouble, a 17.6 percent share was purchased by Saudi Sheik Abdullah Taha Bakhsh, a business partner with Pharaon, while his banker was bin

Mahfouz. [230] Though Bush told the *Wall Street Journal* he had "no idea" BCCI was involved in Harken's financial dealings, the network of connections between Bush and BCCI is so extensive that the *Journal* concluded by stating: "The number of BCCI-connected people who had dealings with Harken—all since George W. Bush came on board—raises the question of whether they mask an effort to cozy up to a presidential son."[231] Or even the president: Bath finally came under investigation by the FBI in 1992 for his Saudi business relationships, accused of funneling Saudi money through Houston, in order to influence the foreign policies of the Reagan and first Bush administrations.

In addition, Mahfouz' Saudi Investment Corporation (SICO) is partnered with the Saudi BinLaden Group. SICO was covertly involved in supporting the Mujahideen in Afghanistan during the late 1980's, in connection with the BCCI-controlled National Bank of Oman. Those responsible for arranging SICO's financing of Osama bin Laden were the top two InterMaritime Bank executives, Alfred Hartmann of Harken and Bruce Rappaport, in addition to William Casey.[232] The company was chaired by Yeslam bin Laden. Board members are Beatrice Dufour, Baudoin Dunant and Tilouine el Hanafi. Lafour is Yeslam bin Laden's sister-in-law. She is of Iranian origin and is married to a Swiss financier. Baudoin Dunant, one of French-speaking Switzerland's leading lawyers, is on the boards of over twenty companies in Geneva, Fribourg, Morges, Nyons, etc. He received international publicity in 1983, when he represented Nazi banker Francois Genoud.[233]

Sami Baarma, a top executive of the Saudi National Commercial Bank (NCB), sat on the board of Mahfouz's Middle East Capital Group (MECG), which also had on its board Sheikh Bakhsh. In addition, Baarma sat on the board of the Carlyle Group, headed by Frank Carlucci. Carlucci was not only a former Secretary of Defense in the Reagan Administration, but a Deputy Director of the CIA during the Carter Administration. Carlucci was part of the exact same private CIA clique as the earlier-mentioned Felix Rodriguez, which also included Donald Gregg, Ted Shackley, George H.W. Bush, Richard Helms and a number of others. Of these, Carlucci, Shackley, Bush and Helms maintained close friendships with top Saudis since

the late 1970s, in particular with Prince Turki and Prince Bandar, first in the Safari Club network and later through the Carlyle Group, run by Carlucci, with Bush and James Baker on his side. Carlyle is the eleventh largest military contractor in the US, and a leading contributor to George W. Bush's 2000 presidential campaign. Former President George H. W. Bush has visited Saudi Arabia at least twice to successfully court bin Laden family financing for the Carlyle Group.

Mena, Arkansas

As detailed by Jonathan Beaty and S.C. Gwynne in *The Outlaw Bank: A Wild Ride Into the Secret Heart of BCCI*, Sheikh Zayed al Nahyan and the Safari Club's Sheikh Kamal Adham secretly acted as BCCI nominees in a hostile take-over of Washington DC's largest bank, Financial General Bankshares, that soon became First American Bankshares. First American was set up in the US with the assistance of Jackson Stephens of Little Rock, Arkansas. Stephens was among the richest people in Arkansas and was also a major donor and backer of Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. He also played a key role in the rise of Walmart.[234] Stephens is named in the court records as having brought Saudi billionaire Ghaith Pharaon of BCCI together with Stephens' close friend Bert Lance, who had been a cabinet official under President Jimmy Carter. However, Stephens and Lance, like Clark Clifford, all maintained they did not know the group of investors headed by Pharaon were actually fronting for BCCI.[235]

The Stephens Group, a multibillion-dollar empire of companies operated by Stephens and his family, dominated the Arkansas economy, where they owned a large part of more than a dozen banks, the most exclusive hotel in Little Rock, and the building that housed Bill Clinton's Arkansas office. Stephens and other members of the Stephens family bankrolled Bill Clinton's rise to political prominence, contributing large sums of money to both Clinton's gubernatorial and his later presidential campaigns. In addition, Worthen Bank, which was majority-owned by Stephens, provided Clinton's first presidential campaign a $3.5 million line of credit. As

well, Stephens' many businesses were frequently represented by the Rose Law Firm, where Hillary Clinton was a partner.[236] A redacted FBI report from 1998 describes Stephens as having "lengthy and continuing ties to the Clinton administration and associates" and also discusses allegations that Stephens has been involved in the "illegal handling of campaign contributions to the Democratic National Party."[237]

Stephens played a part in the CIA-supervised cocaine smuggling operation based in Mena, Arkansas, during Bill Clinton's term as governor of that state during the 1980s. Mena was a key CIA trans-shipment point for the Iran-Contra operation. At the center of the operation was pilot Barry Seal, who became the greatest drug dealer in American history. One estimate suggests that Barry Seal, who also worked for the CIA and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), ran as much as a hundred million worth of cocaine a month through Mena. Nevertheless, CBS News correspondent Bill Plante complained there is a trail of "tens of millions of dollars in cocaine profits [from Mena], and we don't know where it leads. It is a trail that has been blocked by the National Security Council."[238]

Barry Seal had been recruited at the age of seventeen, along with Lee Harvey Oswald, by CIA agent David Ferrie, at a two-week summer camp of the Louisiana Civil Air Patrol in 1957.[239] By his own admission, Seal became the Medellin cartel's chief link to the cocaine markets of the south-eastern United States. From Mena, Seal once again hooked up with his friends in the CIA, who were anxious to use Seal's fleet of planes to ferry supplies to Contra camps in Honduras and Costa Rica.

It was Barry Seal's plane crashing in Nicaragua that exposed the Iran-Contra affair. On October 5, 1986, a Sandinista patrol in Nicaragua shot down a C-123K cargo plane, previously been owned by Seal, that was supplying the Contras. When Seal became an undercover informant for the DEA, he flew the plane to the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Ohio, where CIA equipped it with hidden cameras on it in 1984. Seal then flew to Nicaragua and returned to the United States with 1,472 pounds of cocaine. The cameras filmed Federico Vaughn, whom American officials said was

an employee of the Nicaraguan Interior Ministry, helping load cocaine into the plane. The shipment was seized upon arrival. President Reagan referred to it in a television speech in March during which he criticized the Sandinista Government and sought $100 million in aid to the Contras. Thus exposed as an informant, Seal was murdered in Baton Rouge in February.[240]

Eugene Hasenfus, an Air America veteran, survived the crash and told his captors that he thought the CIA was behind the operation. Hasenfus also repudiated his earlier statement that his co-workers, Cuban Americans Max Gomez and Ramon Medina, were working for the CIA out of El Salvador and were friends of then US vice-President George H.W. Bush.[241] Nevertheless, Hasenfus information led journalists to identify Rafael Quintero, Luis Posada and Felix Rodriguez. Rodriguez was the logistics officer for airlifts of arms and supplies from the Ilopango air base, in El Salvador, to the Contras.[242] The night of the crash, Felix Rodriguez phoned Bush's office and told his aide, Samuel Watson, that the plane had gone missing. Watson relayed the information to the White House Situation Room, and an order was given for a search-and-rescue mission. The following morning Rodriguez learned that Sandinista-government had shot down the plane and that Hasenfus had been captured.[243]

A spokesman for the DEA, Jack Hood, said: "With the best of information we have now, we believe that the C-123 that was shot down in Nicaragua was the same plane that was used in the Barry Seal operation." [244] Hasenfus, later claimed it was sheer coincidence that a plane once owned by Seal was now part of a secret network led by Oliver North.[245] There were also reports that the C-123 had been sold by the CIA to a private group that delivered supplies to the contras, and that the flight was sponsored by a group headed by retired General John Singlaub.[246] However, Singlaub, who was said by Reagan Administration officials to have arranged the flight of the arms-laden cargo plane, denied again that he had been involved in the operation.[247]

Terry Reed alleges in court documents, and in his book, *Compromised: Clinton, Bush and the CIA*, that Barry Seal made

deposits of cash from the Mena drug operation directly to Lasater & Co. Part of Stephens' laundering worked through front companies set up by bond broker and convicted drug dealer Dan Lasater, of Lasater & Company. Lasater had first made his fortune founding Ponderosa, a steakhouse chain that went public in 1971, and then moved to Little Rock. He had close ties with Bill Clinton, through his friendship with Clinton's mother and half-brother, Roger. In 1982, he was one of the biggest contributors to Clinton's election campaign when he won back the governorship after a term out of office.

Reed, a former-CIA spy with Air America in Thailand, describes a number of covert activities around Mena, including a CIA operation to train pilots and troops for the Nicaraguan Contras, and the collusion of local officials. Reed says he was working for Oliver North by 1983, who put Reed in touch with Seal and by 1984, and had established a base at Mena. Internal Revenue Service Agent Bill Duncan, Arkansas State Police investigator Russell Welch, Arkansas Attorney General J. Winston Bryant, Congressman Bill Alexander, and various other local law-enforcement officials and citizens. were all convinced by the late eighties that there existed what Bryant termed "credible evidence" of criminal activity at Mena between 1981 and 1986. In 1995, Arkansas state trooper Larry Patterson testified under oath, according to *The London Sunday Telegraph*, that he and other officers "discussed repeatedly in Clinton's presence" the "large quantities of drugs being flown into the Mena airport, large quantities of money, large quantities of guns."[248]

One important business in the Arkansas narcotics network was Park-O-Meter, or POM Inc. Commercially, POM was to produce parking meters and machine parts. Covertly, it was manufacturing untraceable custom weapons parts for the Contras, and shipping them to Mena. Park-O-Meter was the first company to receive a loan from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA), created by the Arkansas state legislature at Clinton's urging in 1985. Dan Lasater was the principal bond underwriter for the ADFA.[249]

Webster "Webb" Hubbell, who served on POM's board during the early 80s, co-wrote the documents which created the ADFA in 1985. Hubbell was Mayor of Little Rock from 1979 until 1982. Later he would become a partner in the Rose Law Firm, which employed

Hillary Clinton, and which eventually was at the center of the Whitewater scandal. The names of Hubbell and the Rose law firm appear on the bond issues and loan agreements for the largest contributions to Clinton's presidential campaign. The banks, which extended several loans of more than three million, were all owned by a company named Stephens Inc. As Governor, Bill Clinton appointed Hubbell as Chief Justice of the Arkansas State Supreme Court, but ten years later he resigned before pleading guilty to federal mail fraud and tax evasion for overbilling clients. Hubbell served 15 months in prison.

Former Clinton aide Larry Nichols has claimed that Hillary and Hubbell engaged in an affair in 1984 at the Governor's Mansion during Bill's second term. According to Nichols, "We were discussing this woman's claims that Bill had knocked her up and what we should do about it," said Nichols. "But he denied that he could have gotten her pregnant. He said he had measles as a kid and that rendered him sterile. "His exact words were, 'I shoot blanks.' Stunned by what I'd just heard, I asked him, 'Then what about Chelsea?' And he said, 'Oh, Webb (Hubbell) sired her.'"[250]

Barr, who currently serves as Trump's Attorney General, was an employee of the CIA from 1973 to 1977. On August 15, 1996, officer "Chip" Tatum declared in court that he transported cocaine for the CIA and Iran-Contra personnel, accompanied by William Barr, Felix Rodriguez, Oliver North, Manuel Noriega, and Mike Harari.[251] Terry Reed had been in frequent telephone contact with the man he knew as Robert Johnson, an attorney for Southern Air Transport, whom later Reed learned was really William Barr.[252] After Clinton's half-brother Roger was busted for cocaine smuggling and ratted out Bill's friend Dan Lasater, Johnson chastised Bill for jeopardizing the operation. Because, if an investigation spilled over into Lasater's firm it could possibly expose CIA involvement. According to Reed, Johnson reprimanded Clinton saying:

> Bill, you are Mr. Casey's fair-haired boy… You and your state have been our greatest asset. Mr. Casey wanted me to pass on to you that unless you fuck up and do something stupid, you're No. 1 on the short list for a shot at the job that you've always

wanted. You and guys like you are the fathers of the new government. We are the new covenant."[253]

Attempts to investigate Clinton's role in the Mena and Iran-Contra operations were allegedly blocked by Clinton's own aides, who consistently denied he played a role in the scandal. According to the *Wall Street Journal*, former IRS investigator William Duncan teamed with Arkansas State Police Investigator Russell Welch in a decade-long battle to bring the facts to light. Of the nine separate state and federal probes into the affair, all failed. A memo in March 1992, from Duncan to several high-ranking members of staff of William Barr, who was serving as attorney general under George H. W. Bush, notes that Duncan was instructed "to remove all files concerning the Mena investigation from the attorney general's office."[254]

Barr served as Attorney General from 1991 to 1993 during the George H.W. Bush administration. In late 1992, Lawrence Walsh, who had been appointed independent counsel to investigate the Iran-Contra affair, found documents in the possession of Reagan's former defense secretary, Caspar Weinberger, which he said was "evidence of a conspiracy among the highest-ranking Reagan Administration officials to lie to Congress and the American public."[255] According to Walsh, because then-president Bush might have been called as a witness, on the advice of Barr, pardoned Weinberger, along with five other administration officials who had been found guilty on charges relating to the Iran-Contra affair. Walsh remarked: "The Iran-contra cover-up, which has continued for more than six years, has now been completed."[256] In 2003, he wrote an account of the investigation in his book, *Firewall: The Iran-Contra Conspiracy and Cover-Up*. For Barr's role in burying evidence in a second scandal known as Iraqgate, having to do with Bush selling weapons of mass destruction to Saddam Hussein, *New York Times* writer William Safire began to refer to Barr as "Coverup-General Barr."[257]

Mujahideen

Funds accumulated through the Iran-Contra conspiracy enabled the Americans continued to secretly fund the *Mujahideen* factions, then being celebrated in the media as “Freedom Fighters,” with the Saudis matching their funding “dollar for dollar.” Code-named Operation Cyclone, it became one of the longest and most expensive covert CIA operations ever undertaken, with combined contributions eventually achieving a total of ten billon dollars. To ensure the CIA’s plausible deniability, support to the *Mujahideen* was coordinated by Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). The ISI originally established in 1948 by Joseph Cawthorn, a British Intelligence agent of MI6, with whom it has continually maintained close ties.[258]

To add to the number of *Mujahideen* fighting the Soviets, William Casey endorsed a worldwide recruitment effort to be organized through the CIA. Arab governments from around the world, including Egypt and Saudi Arabia, and international organizations, in addition to the Muslim Brotherhood, like the Muslim World League, the International Relief Organization, the *Jamat Tabligh*, a Pakistani missionary organization, all ran to recruit fighters. The Muslim World League included Brotherhood-connected Abul Ala Maududi and a Wahhabi-influenced Indian scholar named Maulana Abu Hasan al Nadvi. Maududi was the founder of a party in Pakistan named *Jamaat-i-Islami*, which was the primary supporter of the CIA’s “*Jihad*” in Afghanistan. Many of the party’s leaders, like Fareed Paracha, Munawar Hassan, Hafiz Hussain, Qazi Hussain were on the payroll of CIA.[259]

From Egypt were recruited those fanatics who had been responsible for the assassination of its president Anwar Sadat in 1981. At the time, in addition to the war in Afghanistan, the CIA-backed revolution had succeeded in Iran, and a wave of Islamic militancy was sweeping across the Arab world. As Robert Dreyfuss explains:

> This extraordinary series of developments were made possible in part by Sadat’s and America’s favorite ally, Saudi Arabia. Now awash in tens of billions of petrodollars, thanks to the 1970s oil-price increases imposed by the Organization of

> Petroleum Exporting Countries, the Saudis used cold, hard cash to build a pro-American empire of Islamic banks and financial institutions in Egypt, Sudan, Kuwait, Turkey, Pakistan, and elsewhere. It was the marriage between the Muslim Brotherhood's ideology and the power of Islamic banking that finally catapulted right-wing Islamism to worldwide power.[260]

Sheikh Omar Abdur Rahman, also known as the Blind Sheikh, later responsible for the WTC bombing of 1993, was among those involved in inspiring the radicals who carried out Sadat's assassination in 1981. The assassination was coordinated by Abdul Salam Faraj, leader of the Cairo branch of Islamic Jihad, to which Sheikh Omar belonged. As explained by Kamal Habib, a founding member of Islamic Jihad. Faraj made a significant contribution in elevating the role of "*Jihad*" in radical Islam with his pamphlet *Al Farida al Ghaiba* ("The Neglected Obligation"). The book, which popularized the use of the bogus *Mardin Fatwa,* has become a manifesto for militant groups. The original goal of Faraj's Islamic Jihad was to overthrow the Egyptian Government and replace it with an Islamic state. Later it broadened its aims to include attacking American and Israeli interests in Egypt and abroad. The culmination of this terror campaign was the assassination of Sadat at an army parade by a group of Army officers who were a part of Islamic Jihad, led by Lieutenant Khalid Islambouli.

Eric Margolis of the *Toronto Star* said General Hosni Mubarak, who was wounded in the attack, was then put into power with US assistance.[261] Many members of Islamic Jihad were immediately arrested, and the regime launched a massive manhunt. Among the leaders arrested were Ayman al Zawahiri, later to become Osama bin Laden's second-in-command. Al-Zawahiri hails from an elite Egyptian family. His father's uncle, Rabia al-Zawahiri, was the grand imam of Al-Azhar University. His mother came from the wealthy and influential Azzam clan. Her father, Ayman's grandfather, served as the president of Cairo University and founded King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.[262] His great-uncle was British agent Abdul Rahman Azzam, who was also associated with the Muslim Brotherhood. After WWI, when the Sanussi Brotherhood became an

asset of British's Arab Bureau in Cairo, Azzam was dispatched to Tripolitania to help organize the order's political work. Azzam would eventually become the first Secretary-General of the British–sponsored League of Arab States after World War II.[263]

Zawahiri was a physician, not an Islamic scholar. His interpretation of "Jihad" showed how Islamic terrorism could be employed by Western powers by completely betraying the very essence of Islam. Worse still, Zawahiri exemplified a Machiavellianism which is a complete reversal of the message of Islam. As explained Azzam Tamimi of the Institute of Islamic Political Thought, Zawahiri:

> …came to the conclusion that because you have what you believe to be a sublime objective, then the means can be as ugly as they can get. You can kill as many people as you wish, because the end means is noble. The logic is that "we are the vanguards, we are the correct Muslims, everybody else is wrong. Not only wrong, but everybody else is not a Muslim, and the only means available to us today is just to kill our way to perfection. [264]

Following the assassination of Sadat, an offshoot of Islamic Jihad was created, known as *al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya* ("The Islamic Group"), of which Sheikh Omar became the leader. Though he had been tied to the assassination of Sadat, the CIA nevertheless regarded Sheikh Omar as a valuable asset. Omar was an associate of Sheikh Abdullah Azzam in Afghanistan. While bin Laden was responsible for the organization and training of new recruits, it was Azzam who formulated the purported Islamic justification for participation in the war based on the *Fatwas* of Ibn Taymiyyah. Barnett R. Rubin, a Columbia University associate professor and senior fellow at the CFR, says sources have told him that Azzam was "enlisted" by the CIA.[265] Azzam was killed in 1989, some say, a hit commissioned by bin Laden.

Also according to Rubin, Sheikh Omar too was in the employ of the CIA.[266] Once in the US, the CIA paid Sheikh Omar "to preach to the Afghans about the necessity of unity to overthrow the Kabul

regime."[267] As one FBI agent said in 1993, he is "hands-off… It was no accident that the sheikh got a visa and that he's still in the country. He's here under the banner of national security, the State Department, the NSA, and the CIA."[268] However, Sheikh Omar was finally sentenced to life imprisonment in the US for his role in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. According to Rubin, not long after he was arrested, a source asked Robert Oakley, former US Ambassador to Pakistan, how the U.S. would respond if the Sheikh disclosed he had worked for the CIA. Oakley laughed, saying it would never happen, because the admission would ruin the Sheikh's credibility with his militant followers.[269] Sheik Omar's *al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya* is reported to be responsible for the killing of hundreds of Egyptian policemen, soldiers and civilians, including the 1997 Luxor massacre in which 58 foreign tourists and four Egyptians were killed.

Zawahiri went on to become bin Laden's right-hand man, and then the leader of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, after the organization was formally merged with al Qaeda. Bin Laden, according to at least two separate reports, was recruited by the CIA in 1979.[270] And contrary to common perception, he was not a fighter.[271] Working closely with Saudi intelligence, bin Laden was the bagman responsible for transmitting funds to the front and to train the thousands of Arab and other volunteer fighters recruited from around the world to fight in the "*Jihad*."[272]

Following the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, many former Mujahideen joined the "Jihad" against the Serbs in the Bosnian war of 1992 to 1995. Many of these recruits were coordinated by the Islamic Cultural Center of Milan, which was described by the US Treasury Department as the main Al Qaeda station house in Europe and responsible for the movement of weapons, men, and money around the world. Associated with the center was Abd al-Wahid Pallavicini, the leader of a Traditionalist Sufi order, who converted to Islam in Switzerland in 1952, having been sent to a Sufi shaykh there by Julius Evola.[273] The center was founded by Sheikh Anwar Shaban, who commanded the Muslim forces in Bosnia. According to a CIA report, Shaaban was a senior leader of the Egyptian terrorist group al-Gama'a al-Islamiyya and had been in regular contact with

Sheikh Omar, al-Qaida second-in-command Ayman al-Zawahiri and other high-ranking Islamic militants. The report said that Shaaban was a veteran who fought against the Soviets in Afghanistan and had obtained political asylum in Italy in 1991.[274]

4. Reaganomics

Reagan Era

The election of Reagan inaugurated the ascendency of the Old Right, who used a social conservative platform as a Trojan Horse to insinuate a neoliberal agenda, to be implemented as Reaganomics. Due to Reagan, Republicans took control of the Senate for the first time since 1954, and conservative principles dominated his economic and foreign policies. Reagan solidified conservative Republican strength with tax cuts, a greatly increased military budget, continued deregulation, a policy of rollback of Communism rather than containment, and appeals to conservative morality. As a result, the 1980s and beyond became known as the "Reagan Era."

As a result, "what Americans now call conservatism," as Leo P. Ribuffo noted, "much of the world calls liberalism or neoliberalism."[275] Speaking of the influence of the well-financed neoliberal agenda, Jane Mayer noted, "By the early 1980s, the reversal in public opinion was so significant that Americans' distrust of government for the first time surpassed their distrust of business."[276] As Reagan had touted in his inaugural address on January 20, 1981, "Government is not the solution to our problem. Government is the problem."[277]

Reagan was launched into national prominence with "A Time for Choosing," a speech he presented on behalf of Barry Goldwater presidential campaign in 1964. The speech was a diatribe against the excesses of government spending and the futility of social programs such as welfare and social security: "The Founding Fathers knew a government can't control the economy without controlling people. And they knew when a government sets out to do that, it must use force and coercion to achieve its purpose. So, we have come to a time for choosing." According to Reagan:

> Whether we believe in our capacity for self-government, or whether we abandon the American Revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite, in a far distant capital can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them ourselves. You and I are told we must choose between a left or right, but I suggest there is no such thing as a left or right. There is only an up or down. Up to man's age-old dream – the maximum of individual freedom consistent with law and order – or down to the ant heap of totalitarianism.[278]

The speech raised $1 million for Goldwater's campaign and is considered the event that launched Reagan's political career.[279] Soon afterwards, Reagan was asked to run for Governor of California; he ran for office and won election in 1966. Reagan was later dubbed the "Great Communicator" in recognition of his effective oratory skills.

Famed historian of American conservatism George H. Nash said William F. Buckley Jr. was "arguably the most important public intellectual in the United States in the past half century… For an entire generation, he was the preeminent voice of American conservatism and its first great ecumenical figure."[280] Buckley's primary contribution to politics, which was a fusion of traditional American political conservatism with *laissez-faire* economic theory and anti-communism, laid the groundwork for the new American conservatism of Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan in 1981. Known as the First New Right (1955–64), it adopted the domestic Anti-New Deal conservatism of the Old Right, but broke with their non-interventionism, advancing a foreign policy of staunch anti-communism.

Buckley threw the support of his reputation behind Reagan, including several *Firing Line* specials structured to showcase Reagan's great potential as a national and international leader. Speaking of Buckley's influence, *National Review* editor Neal Freeman said, "That was the meaning of *Firing Line*. That was the meaning of *National Review* and its political triumph with Reagan. Other people could have made it respectable. Nobody else could have made it stylish."[281] According to Buckley's publisher Henry

Regnery, Buckley “has given the conservative movement a style and rhetoric of its own, and has done more than anyone else to reconcile potentially conflicting viewpoints into a coherent intellectual force.”[282]

Heather Hendershot, professor of film and media at MIT, who has studied the history of *Firing Line* remarked that the program’s long run shows “a country turning from left to right, from the Great Society to the Reagan Revolution and beyond.” The life of the program reveals “an America that weathered massive civil unrest in the 1960s, the collapse of the presidency in the 1970s, and the rise of conservative approaches to foreign policy in the 1980s: an America that, by the 1990s… had emerged as a society in which certain key cultural values had shifted left, even as the Republican Party had continued its rightward shift, pulling the Democratic Party along in its wake.”[283]

Manhattan Institute

As indicated by Eduardo Porter, writing for the *New York Times*, “Few ideas are so deeply ingrained in the American popular imagination as the belief that government aid for poor people will just encourage bad behavior,” a notion that has been shared not only persisted among Republicans, but it was President Bill Clinton, a Democrat, who put an end to “welfare as we know it.”[284] The proposition was buttressed by scientific racism of Charles Murray of the neoconservative American Enterprise Institute (AEI), whose book *The Bell Curve* which drew heavily on research funded by the neo-Nazi and eugenicist Pioneer Fund. The book was part of a consolidated strategy on the part of the American Right, funded by a legion of think tanks and foundations, to fundamentally reeducate the American people against the desirability of social welfare programs, convincing them that giving free reign to big business, in the end, was in the best interest of everyone.

The War on the Poor was facilitated when many of the world’s economies were suffering as a result of the Oil Crisis and stagflation by the 1970s, permitting Reagan and Thatcher to propose their drastic reforms, breaking down trade barriers and reducing

government power, to supposedly revitalize their stagnant economies, thus ushering in the modern rush of neoliberal policy implementations. For nearly four decades, conservative foundations like the Bradley, Olin and Scaife, and think tanks like the Heritage Foundation and Manhattan Institute, mounted a concerted campaign to reshape politics and public policy according to neoliberal principles of selfishness and bigotry. These organizations pursue an agenda based on industrial and environmental deregulation, the privatization of government services, deep reductions in federal anti-poverty spending and the transfer of authority and responsibility for social welfare from the national government to the charitable sector and state and local government.

Starting in the 1970s and 1980s several conservative charitable foundations joined the Carthage Foundation, also founded by Richard Mellon Scaife in 1964, to fund a pro-business vision of Lewis F. Powell Jr., the future Supreme Court justice who was then an eminent corporate lawyer from Richmond, Virginia. Marxist academic David Harvey traces the rise of neoliberalism in the US to what has been referred to as the Powell Memo.[285] The confidential memorandum written by Lewis Powell in 1971 for the US Chamber of Commerce proposed a road map to defend and advance the free enterprise system against perceived socialist, communist, and fascist cultural trends. A similar sentiment had been expressed by M. Stanton Evans, who had studied with Ludwig von Mises, who captured conservatives' concerns in his 1965 book, *The Liberal Establishment: Who Runs America…and How*. He declared that "the chief point about the Liberal Establishment is that it is in control." In response, Evans agitated for a "counter-establishment."[286]

According to Jane Mayer, author of *Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right*, "…it was Powell's memo that electrified the Right, prompting a new breed of wealthy ultraconservatives to weaponize their philanthropic giving in order to fight a multifront war of influence over American political thought."[287] Powell called on corporate America to fight liberal dominance, urging them to wage "guerilla warfare" against those seeking to "insidiously" undermine them. He urged conservatives to follow a program that included funding scholars who supported free

enterprise, and publishing books and papers from popular magazines and scholarly journals.

The leading right-wing foundations are connected through the Atlas Network, founded by Antony Fisher, who would go on to found another 150 or so free-market think tanks around the world. BBC documentary filmmaker Adam Curtis recounts how around 1950, after reading the *Reader's Digest* version of Hayek's *Road to Serfdom*, British libertarian Antony Fisher, an Eton and Cambridge graduate who believed socialism and Communism were overtaking the democratic West, sought Friedrich Hayek's advice about what should be done. Hayek advised Fisher to start "a scholarly institute" that would wage a "battle of ideas." If Fisher succeeded, Hayek told him, he would change the course of history. After visiting Foundation for Economic Education in 1952, Hayek encouraged Antony Fisher to found the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), which experienced the height of its influence during the right-wing Tory administration of Margaret Thatcher.[288] Fisher's partner in the venture, Oliver Smedley, wrote to Fisher saying that they needed to be "cagey":

> Imperative that we should give no indication in our literature that we are working to educate the Public along certain lines which might be interpreted as having a political bias. In other words, if we said openly that we were re-teaching the economics of the free-market, it might enable our enemies to question the charitableness of our motives. That is why the first draft (of the Institute's aims) is written in rather cagey terms.[289]

Since 1974, the IEA played a role in developing a world-wide network of similar institutions across the globe.[290] Among these were several think tanks like the Fraser Institute of Canada in 1974. Fisher went to New York where in 1977 he set up the International Center for Economic Policy Studies (ICEPS), later renamed the Manhattan Institute. The incorporation documents were signed by prominent attorney Bill Casey, later Director of the CIA. The Atlas Economic Research Foundation (named after Ayn Rand's book, *Atlas Shrugged*) was created in 1981, but simply known as the Atlas Network.

Heritage Foundation

Of seventy-six economic advisers on Ronald Reagan's 1980 campaign staff, twenty-two were from Mont Pelerin, providing them the opportunity to push their neoliberal agenda. Following Margaret Thatcher's victory, Mont Pelerin launched an ambitious overhaul of the right-wing Heritage Foundation, importing several British economists from Mont Pelerin in anticipation of the 1980 Presidential run by Ronald Reagan.

The Heritage Foundation became a favorite beneficiary Richard Mellon Scaife, who contributed more than $23 million from 1975 to 1998.[291] According to Scaife, "In those days you had the American Civil Liberties Union, the government-supported legal corporations [neighborhood legal services programs], a strong Democratic Party with strong labor support, the Brookings Institution, the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* and all these other people on the left—and nobody on the right."[292] Scaife had written a previously private, still-unpublished memoir, *A Richly Conservative Life*, that describes how he and a handful of other influential conservatives began meeting during the Cold War, at first informally, to plot against the country's liberal influence.

In 1970, Nixon's speechwriter Patrick Buchanan sent a memo to the president, pleading for "a conservative counterpart to Brookings." Three years later, Paul Weyrich responded to the call when he and his friend Ed Feulner, with funding from Joseph Coors, of the Coors beer empire and a supporter of the John Birch Society.[293] Feulner, who became President of the Heritage Foundation, was a member of the Mont Pelerin Society, a trustee of William F. Buckley and Frank Chodorov's Intercollegiate Society of Individualists from 1973, and eventually president of the Philadelphia Society from 1982–83.

According to David Grann, in "Robespierre Of The Right," his article about Weyrich for the *New Republic*, "if anything embodied that power structure, it was the Brookings Institution, a liberal think-tank that for decades had stoked the New Deal with ideas."[294] Weyrich's "right-hand man" was Laszlo Pasztor, an activist in various Hungarian rightist and Nazi-linked groups like the Anti-Bolshevik

Block of Nations (ABN).[295] Weyrich was active in the Young Republicans from 1961 to 1963 and in Barry Goldwater's 1964 presidential campaign. Although Weyrich was mainly influential in mobilizing Evangelical Protestants to get involved with politics, Weyrich himself was a conservative Catholic and a member of Opus Dei.[296] Weyrich, who had converted from Roman Catholicism to the Eastern Orthodox Church after Vatican II, positioned himself as a defender of traditionalist sociopolitical values of states' rights, dominionism, marriage, and anti-communism, and as a staunch opponent of the New Left. He advocated a revival of McCarthy's House Un-American Activities Committee with the aim of identifying and removing communists from the media, which he contended was still infiltrated by the former Soviet Union.

Weyrich worked closely with Franz Joseph Strauss, Bavarian head of state, a longstanding fixture of Le Cercle and a very close friend and associate of Third Reich banker Hermann Abs. Strauss was Chairman of the Christian Social Union in Bavaria (CSU), which is represented in a common faction with Adenauer's CDU, called CDU/CSU. In 1953, Strauss became Federal Minister for Special Affairs in Adenauer's second cabinet. According to T.H. Tetens, the British press once referred to Strauss as "the most dangerous man in Europe."[297] As head of the state government of Bavaria, Strauss saw to it that funding was provided to the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN), which formed the ABN. When Strauss came to the United States in the early 1970's, Weyrich and Strauss' Washington representative, Armin K. Haas, planned his schedule, including Capitol Hill appointments. Joseph Coors also helped Haas make new political contacts in Congress.[298]

Weyrich's Heritage Foundation took a leading role in the conservative movement during the presidency of Ronald Reagan, whose policies were taken from Heritage's policy study *Mandate for Leadership*. The *New York Times* called it "the manifesto of the Reagan revolution."[299] The overall direction of the study was undertaken by Charles Heatherly, a former field director of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI). Specific suggestions related to spending included raising the defense budget and reducing personal income tax rates. At the first meeting of his cabinet, President

Reagan passed out copies of *Mandate for Leadership*, and many of the study's authors were recruited into the White House administration. According to its authors, around 60% of *Mandate for Leadership*'s 2,000 proposals had been implemented or initiated at the end of Reagan's first year in office.[300] The *Washington Post* called it "an action plan for turning the government toward the right as fast as possible."[301]

Mankind Quarterly

When Coors established the Heritage Foundation he chose Roger Pearson as co-editor of the foundation's publication *Policy Review*. In 1961, Pearson founded *Mankind Quarterly* along with Robert Gayre, Henry Garrett, Corrado Gini, Luigi Gedda, Reginald Ruggles Gates and Nazi doctor Otmar von Verschuer, former director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, whose students included Joseph Mengele.[302] *Mankind Quarterly* was published by the Advancement of Ethnology and Eugenics (IAAEE), founded in Scotland in 1959, whose principal benefactor was Wickliffe Draper, founder of the Pioneer Fund. The American branch of the IAAEE was founded by Lord Malcolm Douglas, the brother of the host of Rudolph Hess on his secret flight to England in 1940. Hess sought to meet with the British aristocratic circles known as the Cliveden Set, who were sympathetic to Hitler. When Douglas and his wife Lady Douglas came to the US, he helped establish a branch of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, a racist network based in Scotland.[303] Nelson Bunker Hunt, his brother William Herbert Hunt and Senator Jesse Helms, who also belonged to the Order of Saint Lazarus, were also members of the IAAEE.[304]

Several founders of the IAAEE were intimately associated with H. Keith Thompson of the National Renaissance Party (NRP), and close associate of Francis Parker Yockey. IAAEE co-founder, eugenicist and segregationist Dr. Charles Callan Tansill of Georgetown University, met frequently at George Sylvester Viereck's apartment, along with Boris Brasol's associate Lawrence Dennis, Alfred Kinsey, and Harry Elmer Barnes, and other historians.[305] IAAEE founder Charles Lee Smith worked closely with the NRP.

Smith edited the *Truth Seeker*, the Northern League's publication. Eustace Mullins and Matt Koehl were regular contributors. Smith also attended the Northern League's meeting at Teutoburg Forest in honor of Arminius. In 1959, Smith was in England, where he addressed a meeting headed by Colin Jordan.[306]

From the beginning, GRECE and its journal *Nouvelle Ecole* were allied to the Northern League, *Mankind Quaterly* and the AAEE. *Nouvelle Ecole*'s *comité de patronage* included Roger Pearson, Robert Gayre, Henry Garrett and former *Truth Seeker* writer Robert Kuttner. *Nouvelle Ecole*'s American representative was H. Keith Thompson's friend, anthropologist Donald Swann.[307] Swann, who was the IAAEE's treasurer, was suspended from Queens College for "neo-Nazi," "anti-Semitic" activities, and his association with Thompson.[308] Swann praised Thompson as "a fearless American patriot [who] has spoken out against the smears of the Jewish 'gestapo'."[309] In 1966, Swann was arrested and indicted on twelve counts of mail fraud. U.S. marshals at the time of his arrest discovered an arsenal of weapons, photographs of Swann with members of the American Nazi Party, a "cache of Nazi paraphernalia, including swastika flags… and hundreds of anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and anti-Catholic tracts."[310] Nevertheless, upon his release Swann remained one of the most important members of the inner circle close to Harry Frederick Weyher, Jr. and Wickliffe Draper, reemerging as a contributor to IAAEE publications and later receiving a number of Pioneer grants.[311]

Another initial IAAEE member, Herbert C. Sanborn, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Psychology at Vanderbilt University until 1942, had also been a long-time Nazi sympathizer, who blamed the International Jewish banking conspiracy for World War II and then participated in the postwar campaign, orchestrated by Thompson, for the release of Hitler's chosen successor, former chief of the German navy Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz.[312]

Mankind Quarterly's avowed purpose was to counter the "Communist" and "egalitarian" influences that were allegedly causing anthropology to neglect the reality of racial differences.[313] "The crimes of the Nazis," wrote Gayre, "did not, however, justify the

enthronement of a doctrine of *a-racialism* as fact, nor of egalitarianism as ethnically and ethically demonstrable."[314] Nazi eugenicist von Verschuer was on the editorial advisory board of the journal before his death in 1970.[315]

National Renaissance Party member Eustace Mullins, author of the conspiracy classic *Secrets of the Federal Reserve*, collaborated on racial ideas about "biopolitics" with Kuttner.[316] In 1966, the *American Mercury* which had previously been edited by General Edwin A. Walker of the John Birch Society, announced a change of editorship. Among the new editors was Kuttner. The first issue, which Kuttner was an editor, featured a piece by Revilo P. Oliver, who was expelled from the John Birch Society for his open anti-Semitism. The issue also included a tribute to Klansman Col. Earnest Sevier Cox, who is described as "the English-speaking world's foremost racial historian." Kuttner was also a contributor to Willis Carto's *Spotlight*. A contribution of his to *Spotlight* was reprinted in the Northern League's *The Northlander* in 1977.[317]

Henry E. Garrett was an American psychologist and segregationist, and President of the American Psychological Association in 1946 and Chair of Psychology at Columbia University from 1941 to 1955. Garrett, whose efforts were financially supported by Draper, was a strong opponent of the 1954 United States Supreme Court's desegregation decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which he predicted would lead to "total demoralization and then disorganization in that order."[318] After he left Columbia, Garrett became involved in the IAAEE and the Northern League. He served as a Director of the Pioneer Fund from 1972 to 1973, and was involved in the White Citizens' Councils and the Liberty Lobby, and provided expert testimony for the defense in *Brown* v. *Board of Education*. Corrado Gini was leader of fascist Italy's eugenics movement and author of a defence of Mussolini in 1927 called *The Scientific Basis of Fascism*.[319] Gates, who was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1931, was a strong opponent of interracial marriage and "argued that races were separate species."[320]

Pearson was also elected to head University Professors for Academic Order (UPAO), composed of members of the Heritage

Foundation, the Reagan Administration and the Mont Pelerin Society, including Milton Friedman and Friedrich von Hayek.[321] Between 1973 and 1999, the Pioneer Fund spent $1.2 million on Pearson's activities, most of which was used for the Institute for the Study of Man, which Pearson directed and which acquired the *Mankind Quarterly* in 1979.[322] Pearson also served on editorial board of the several institutions, including the Foreign Policy Research Institute, and the American Security Council, and a number of conservative politicians wrote articles for Pearson's *Journal on American Affairs*, including Jesse Helms and Jack Kemp.

War on the Poor

William Greider's bestseller *Who Will Tell the People: The Betrayal of American Democracy* revealed: "Not withstanding its role as 'populist' spokesman, Weyrich's organization, for instance, has received grants from Amoco, General Motors, Chase Manhattan Bank [David Rockefeller] and right-wing foundations like Olin and Bradley."[323] The John M. Olin Foundation was established in 1953 by John M. Olin, president of the Olin Industries chemical and munitions manufacturing businesses. Between 1958 and 1966, the Olin Foundation secretly laundered $1.95 million through the foundation. Many of these funds went to anti-Communist intellectuals and publications.[324] The television show *Firing Line*, hosted by William F. Buckley, an honoree of the Manhattan Institute, was financially supported by the Olin Foundation.

In 1977, Olin had raised the prestige of his foundation by hiring William Simon, a colleague of Irving Kristol, as its president. Simon, a leverage buyout pioneer, was United States Secretary of the Treasury under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. Simon served as President of the Olin Foundation and as trustee of the John Templeton Foundation. He also served on the boards of many of America's premier think tanks, including the Heritage Foundation and the Hoover Institution. The man who distinguished the Olin Foundation even more than Simon was its executive director, Michael Joyce, a former liberal who had also become a neoconservative acolyte of Kristol's. The *National Review* described

Joyce as “the chief operating officer of the conservative movement.”[325]

Lynde Bradley and his brother Harry Lynde Bradley founded the Allen-Bradley Company in Milwaukee which serviced the defense contract industry. Along with Fred Koch, father of the infamous Koch brothers, Harry was a founding member of the John Birch Society, frequently hosting its founder Robert Welch as a speaker at company sales meetings.[326] Three books in particular, written by Bradley-funded writers played key roles in this effort: *Wealth and Poverty* by George Gilder (1981); *Losing Ground* (1984), by Charles Murray and *Beyond Entitlement* by Lawrence M. Mead. Gilder attended Phillips Exeter Academy, and David Rockefeller, a college roommate of his father, was deeply involved with his upbringing.[327] As well as being a member of Buckley’s Philadelphia Society, Gilder also became the program director of the Manhattan Institute.

Gilder’s *Wealth and Poverty* advanced a practical and moral case for supply-side economics and capitalism during the early months of the Reagan administration and made him Ronald Reagan’s most quoted living author. The theory of supply-side economics was started by economist Robert Mundell during the Ronald Reagan administration. It is a macroeconomic theory that argues economic growth can be most effectively created by investing in capital and by lowering barriers on the production of goods and services. It. According to supply-side economics, consumers will then benefit from a greater supply of goods and services at lower prices; furthermore, the investment and expansion of businesses will increase the demand for employees and therefore create jobs. Typical policy recommendations of supply-side economists are lower marginal tax rates and less government regulation.[328]

Charles Murray has had a Bradley Foundation research fellowship at AEI. Charles Murray served in the Peace Corps ended until 1968, and then worked in Thailand on an American Institutes for Research (AIR) covert counter-insurgency program for the US military in cooperation with the CIA.[329] While at the Manhattan Institute, Murray wrote *Losing Ground*, in which he argued that poverty is the result not of economic conditions or injustices, but to individual failings, maintaining that most government-sponsored anti-

poverty programs were ill-conceived and should be eliminated. Murray teamed up with the late Harvard psychologist Richard Hernstein to write the book the *Bell Curve: Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life* (1984), which argued that poverty is the result not of social conditions or policies, but of the inferior genetic traits of a sub-class of human beings. It relied heavily on research financed by the Pioneer Fund.[330]

As many as seventeen researchers cited in the bibliography of *The Bell Curve* have contributed to *Mankind Quarterly*. The authors recommend two books on race and intelligence by Audrey Shuey and Frank C. J. McGurk, who were leading members of the IAAEE, in support for the argument that IQ tests are not racially biased. The work of Richard Lynn, a psychologist and former board member and grantee of the Pioneer Fund, assistant editor of *Mankind Quarterly*, was among the main sources cited in the book The Bell Curve and he was one of 52 scientists who signed an opinion piece in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled “Mainstream Science on Intelligence,” which endorsed a number of the views presented in the book.

5. Second New Right

Noble Lies

Reagan's landslide victory in the 1980 resulted from reformulation of the Southern Strategy, known as the "Reagan coalition," a combination of voters that Reagan assembled to produce a major political realignment. The coalition, according to famed historian American conservatism, George H. Nash, originally consisted of five factions: the libertarians, the paleoconservatives, the anti-communists, the neoconservatives, and the second New Right/religious right.[331] The means of advancing the neoliberal agenda was to package it with "family values" and pander to the racist sentiments of Southern Evangelical Christians, a strategy largely orchestrated by Paul Weyrich, founder of the Heritage Foundation. The architect of the Southern Strategy, which was used to elect numerous Republican presidents beginning with Ronald Reagan, was the notorious Senator Jesse Helms, a founding member of Weyrich's Moral Majority, regarded by his followers as the leader of the second New Right.[332] According to Second New Right leader, Richard A. Viguerie:

> Without the New Right, there would not have been a strong, vibrant, and effective conservative movement. Without a strong, vibrant, and effective conservative movement, there would not have been a President Ronald Reagan. And without a President Reagan, the Soviet Union would have lasted many more years and socialism would still dominate and impoverish the people of most countries.
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> It's the free market views, policies, and leadership of President Reagan, Jesse Helms, and Milton Friedman that have led the world to experience the greatest movement out of poverty in history.

The second New Right, which was formed in the wake of the Barry Goldwater campaign and had a more populist tone than the first New Right of William F. Buckley. The second New Right revived the tradition of The Fellowship, by cynically exploitation Christianity to serve as a Trojan Horse for a neoliberal agenda. Thus, the second New Right tended to focus on social issues and national sovereignty and was often linked with the Christian Right. Led by Robert Grant's Christian Voice, Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority, Ed McAteer's Religious Roundtable Council, James Dobson's Focus on the Family, Paul Weyrich's Free Congress Foundation and the Heritage Foundation, and Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), the new Christian Right combined conservative politics with evangelical and fundamentalist teachings.[333] The Christian Right is especially amenable to neoconservatives' Zionist ambitions. According to Irving Kristol:

> The social issues of the Moral Majority are meeting with practically no success, whereas anti-Israel sentiment has been distinctly on the rise, and the support for the Moral Majority could, in the near future, turn out to be decisive for the very existence of the Jewish state. That is why the Israeli government has struck its own balance vis a vis the Moral Majority, and it is hard to see why American Jews should come up with a different bottom line.[334]

The neoconservatives' alignment with the Christian Right fit with their adherence to Leo Strauss, who advanced prescriptions for the use of "Noble Lies."[335] The Heritage Foundation was founded in 1973, the year of Leo Straus' death, just as his ideas were coming into ascendance in the US.[336] For Strauss, Kojève's "End of History" is the result of all the errors of modernity and its values of liberalism, and was equivalent to the tragedy predicted by Nietzsche, as being the days of the Last Man. Throughout his career in the US, Strauss regularly sent his leading disciples to study under Kojève in Paris. For example, Strauss's top protégé the late Allan Bloom travelled to Paris annually, from 1953 up until Kojève's death in

1968, to study Kojève's Nietzschean fascist beliefs. Bloom would consider Kojève to be one of his greatest teachers.[337]

It was Strauss' condemnation of "liberalism" which opened the way for the pronouncements against "political correctness" articulated by his followers. To Strauss, the problem with liberalism was that it led to relativism. Relativism was a problem because it removed society's belief in one absolute truth, particularly religious truth. This was not because Strauss believed that such a belief was possible. On the contrary, he rejected all possibility of such truth, regarding religions as "heroic delusions" and "noble dreams."[338] Rather, these delusions, or Plato's "noble lies," were necessary for the masses who would succumb to nihilism for their inability to manage the awful truth that there is no truth. But for Strauss, the "philosopher," can create and manipulate delusions for the sake of society, but is himself beyond the truth and conventional morality, but he was required to keep his sacred mission secret from the rabble.

Essentially, the Straussian basis of neoconservatism is that "liberalism," which is the source of western liberal democracy and free market capitalism, is in crisis because of the Enlightenment principles on which it is based, and which were articulated by Kant, Locke and Adam Smith and put into practice in the United States by Jefferson and Madison. The main anti-liberal philosophers were Nietzsche, Heidegger and Schmidt. As with Marx and capitalism, the neoconservatives attacked liberalism as containing the seeds for its own destruction through historicism, relativism and nihilism. The reason for resorting to religion was that, to Strauss, the problem with liberalism was that it led to relativism. Relativism was a problem because it removed society's belief in one absolute truth, particularly religious truth. This was not because Strauss believed that such a belief was possible. On the contrary, he rejected all possibility of such truth, regarding religions as "heroic delusions" and "noble dreams," and said of Judaism that "no nobler dream was ever dreamt" and concluded that "it is surely nobler to be victim of the most noble dream than to profit from a sordid reality and to wallow in it."[339] Rather, these delusions, or "noble lies," were necessary for the masses who would succumb to nihilism for their inability to manage the awful truth that there is no truth. But for Strauss, the

“philosopher,” who is equal to Nietzsche’s Superman, can create and manipulate delusions for the sake of society, but is himself beyond the truth and conventional morality, but he was required to keep his sacred mission secret from the rabble.

Strauss befriended Gershom Scholem, the famed scholar of the Kabbalah, and corresponded with him throughout his life. As Drury also noted, “there is an uncanny resemblance between Strauss’s view of the philosopher-prophet and the Sabbatean conception of the Messiah.”[340] The Sabbateans, through the doctrine of holy sin believed, as Scholem pointed out, that “the elect are fundamentally different from the crowd and not to be judged by its standards. Standing under a new spiritual law and representing as it were a new kind of reality, they are beyond good and evil.”[341] Kabbalistic theology is highly erotic, and Strauss often relates that philosophy is a manifestation of *Eros*. To Strauss, Philosophy is the quest to understand man’s true nature, which is *Eros,* as opposed to societal conventions which are artificial constructs. But Strauss’s conception of *Eros* is also connected to the fact that he points out that the greatest philosophers, those who manage to rise above convention altogether, were pederasts.[342]

Moral Majority

It was Helms who recommended to Reagan to appeal to the Christian Right, in recognition of the potential of grassroots support from Southern white Evangelical community. The support of Helms and his campaign manager, Thomas F. Ellis, a Pioneer Fund director, was instrumental in Reagan’s run for the presidential nomination in 1976, and his crucial North Carolina primary victory that paved the way for Reagan’s presidential election in 1980. Going into the primary, Reagan had lost all the primaries, and it was feared that it might end his career and that he risked fading into “political oblivion.”[343] With Helms and Ellis’ support, Reagan won in North Carolina, and the momentum it generated carried Reagan to landslide primary wins in Texas, California, and other critical states. Despite Reagan’s defeat to Gerald Ford, the intervention of Helms and Ellis arguably led to the most important conservative primary

victory in the history of the Republican Party, and enabled Reagan to win the next nomination at the 1980 Republican National Convention and ultimately the Presidency of the United States.[344]

Although the Moral Majority was predominately a Southern-oriented organization of the Christian Right, its state chapters and political activity extended beyond the South.[345] In the decades following World War II, Evangelicals, especially white Evangelicals in the North, had drifted toward the Republican Party, inclined to fear of Communism, suspicion of Catholicism and Billy Graham's very public support of Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. Nevertheless, Evangelicals remained largely apolitical. As explained by Ladd, while the rise of the Christian Right in the South has been blamed on a backlash against the Civil Rights Acts or the *Roe vs. Wade* decision on abortion, an unrecognized role was played by southern pastors themselves, particularly the leaders of the Southern Baptist Church and W.A. Criswell. The Southern Baptist Church was organized specifically to protect slavery and white supremacy from the influence of the North. "Southern churches, warped by generations of theological evolution necessary to accommodate slavery and segregation, were all too willing to offer their political assistance to a white nationalist program," Ladd writes. [346]

Inspired by W.A. Criswell and Helms, prominent Southern Baptist ministers like Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson discovered that they could preserve white nationalism through a proxy fight for Christian Nationalism. As recounted by Chris Ladd in "Pastors, Not Politicians, Turned Dixie Republican" for *Forbes*, segregationists in the 1970's faced a frustrating problem, how to revive a white nationalism without using the discredited rhetoric of race. As explained by Ladd, while the rise of Republican Party in the South is typically attributed to the Southern Strategy, an unrecognized role was played by southern pastors themselves, particularly the leaders of the Southern Baptist Church and Criswell. "Southern churches, warped by generations of theological evolution necessary to accommodate slavery and segregation, were all too willing to offer their political assistance to a white nationalist program," Ladd writes. [347]

The 1976 election of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States marked a milestone for Evangelical Christians. For the first time, a self-professed evangelical Christian had been elected to the nation's highest office, bringing the national awareness of Evangelicalism to a new level. However, evangelical Christians in general—and eventually the newly formed Moral Majority in particular—would come to be disappointed with Carter's policies. Evangelical churches across the South led an explosion of new private segregated schools. In 1978, the Carter Administration signaled its intention to press for their desegregation. When Reagan enthusiastically and explicitly supported protecting private religious schools, Evangelical ministers, previously reluctant to lend their backing to political activists, launched a massive wave of activism in Southern congregations in support of the Reagan campaign.

"Conservatives cannot become the dominant political force in America," insisted Viguerie, author of *The new Right: we're ready to lead*, "until we stress the issues of concern to ethnic and blue-collar Americans, born-again Christians, pro-life Catholics and Jews. Some of these are busing, abortion, pornography, education, traditional Biblical moral values and quotas."[348] Thus, Weyrich and leaders of the second New Right made a concerted effort to appeal to the Christian and sometimes racist values of traditionally Democratic or politically independent constituencies by sharing complaints about a list of liberal causes: abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment and feminism, drug use, pornography, school textbooks and curricula, busing, affirmative action, gay rights, and so on.[349]

Viguerie, a pioneer of political direct mail campaigns, has been dubbed the "funding father" of modern conservative strategy. Viguerie started of his career with the KKK-affiliated evangelist Billy James Hargis, an associate of Edwin Walker. In 1961, Viguerie became executive secretary of the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), and considered William F. Buckley Jr. his "hero and role model."[350] Viguerie learned his craft in fund-raising when he joined the YAF as an apprentice to its founder Marvin Liebman, who was regarded as the conservative movement's leading political organizer.[351] A number of conservative or libertarian organizations emerged from YAF and its members, including the Libertarian Party of

America, Cato Institute, Ludwig von Mises Institute, Reason Foundation and the Conservative Caucus. The YAF has been described as “a network of conservative organizations on college campuses that served as training grounds for virtually the entire movement leadership.”[352]

Most key members of the New Right were former members of YAF, including Viguerie, Howard Phillips, as well as Terry Dolan and Pat Buchanan.[353] Phillips, a founding member of the YAF, was born into a Jewish family in Boston in 1941, but converted to evangelical Christianity in the 1970s. Phillips played an instrumental role in the leadership of the New Right, and in the founding of the religious right in the 1970s. Jeff Sharlet describes the attraction of Jews to evangelical Christianity in *The Family*: “It’s as if, casting about for the political passion of their immigrant fathers and mothers, they settled on Christian fundamentalism as the closest approximation of that vanished world, its socialist unions and communist cells.”[354]

In 1976, Weyrich, William Rusher, Morton Blackwell and Viguerie attempted to take over the segregationist American Independent Party (AIP), formed by George Wallace in 1968. Viguerie unsuccessfully sought the presidential nomination of the AIP, to oppose President Gerald Ford’s election. Viguerie would go on to work with Jesse Helms, Sun Myung Moon, Oliver North and George Wallace.

In 1977, Weyrich co-founded Christian Voice with Robert Grant. Weyrich, being the leader of the conservative think-tank, agreed to let Grant set up headquarters at the Heritage Foundation. Evangelical minister Pat Robertson, who later formed the Christian Coalition, furnished some early financial resources for the organization.[355] Weyrich then recruited Howard Phillips and Richard Viguerie to help develop Grant’s organization.[356] In 1978, Grant announced in a news conference that the Religious Right was a “sham… controlled by three Catholics and a Jew.”[357] As a result, Weyrich, Dolan and Viguerie (the Catholics) and Howard Phillips (the Jew) left Christian Voice, and then persuaded rising televangelist Jerry Falwell and form the Moral Majority in 1979, signaling the birth of the Christian Right.[358]

Falwell was a close ally of the American Security Council, and part of the ASC's Peace Through Strength campaign in 1983, along with ASC president John Fisher and General J. Milnor Roberts. Falwell's Religious Council of 56 included General Daniel O. Graham and Clay Claiborne of the ASC, Larry McDonald of Western Goals and Nelson Bunker Hunt of the John Birch Society. Fisher was described by the Religious Roundtable as a "close friend," as was brewery magnate Joseph Coors, also of the ASC.[359] Coors was also a former student of Phillips Exeter Academy.

Weyrich made clear that it was the schools issue that launched the organization. Dartmouth professor Randall Balmer has demonstrated that while the rise of the Christian Right was not attributable to opposition to abortion, but to the issue finally chosen by Weyrich: school segregation. Weyrich argued that social or family issues would be to conservatives in the 1980s what Vietnam or the environment was to liberals in the late 1960s and early 1970s.[360] However, Weyrich was having difficulty identifying the specific catalyst that would mobilize Christian voters. By his own account, for nearly two decades Weyrich tested different issues: pornography, prayer in schools, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, even abortion. "I was trying to get these people interested in those issues and I utterly failed," Weyrich recalled at a conference in 1990.[361]

Ultimately, Weyrich harvested what his friend Morton Blackwell termed "the greatest track of virgin timber on the political landscape": evangelicals.[362] As Weyrich explained:

> The conservative movement, up to that point, was essentially an intellectual movement. It had some very powerful thinkers, but it didn't have many troops. And as Stalin said of the Pope, "where are his divisions?" Well, we didn't have many divisions. When these folks became active, all of a sudden the conservative movement had lots of divisions. We were able to move literally millions of people. And this is something that we had literally no ability to do prior to that time.[363]

Weyrich reasoned that if he could tap into the Christian community, their large numbers would constitute a formidable voting bloc. “The new political philosophy must be defined by us [conservatives] in moral terms, packaged in non-religious language, and propagated throughout the country by our new coalition,” Weyrich wrote in the mid-1970s. “When political power is achieved, the moral majority will have the opportunity to re-create this great nation.” Weyrich determined that the political possibilities of developing such potential were unlimited. “The leadership, moral philosophy, and workable vehicle are at hand just waiting to be blended and activated,” he wrote. “If the moral majority acts, results could well exceed our wildest dreams.”[364]

The Moral Majority was a relatively early supporter of Reagan, with Falwell announcing the organization’s endorsement before the Republican convention. According to Jimmy Carter, “that autumn [1980] a group headed by Jerry Falwell purchased $10 million in commercials on southern radio and TV to brand me as a traitor to the South and no longer a Christian.”[365] After Reagan’s victory, Falwell announced Reagan’s success was directly due to the Moral Majority and others registering and encouraging church-goers to vote who had never before been politically active.[366] By 1982, Moral Majority surpassed Christian Voice in size and influence, and became one of the largest conservative lobby groups in the United States. At its height, it claimed more than four million members and over two million donors.[367] Nationally, the Moral Majority encouraged electoral participation among its members and used registration drives to register church-goers to vote. Leaders within the Moral Majority asked ministers provide their congregants political direction, reminding congregants when to vote, who to vote for, and why the Moral Majority held particular positions on issues.[368]

Arthur’s Boys

Despite their posturing for “family values” and against homosexuality, the Republican far right is rampant with the tendency. As noted by Joe Conason in “The GOP’s crowded closet,” there has been a long history of anti-gay Republicans being secretly

homosexuals. “Somewhere in the textbooks of psychosexual pathology there may be a straightforward answer, so to speak. Does the party draw closeted men because they can hide behind Republican homophobia? Or does the party promote homophobia as a political ruse while closeted men run the show?”[369]

Terry Dolan’s mentor was legendary Republican strategist and closeted homosexual, Arthur J. Finkelstein, the renowned Republican political consultant who worked for NCPAC and dozens of Republican senators. Finkelstein, who was inducted into the hall of fame for pollsters and political consultants, revolutionized campaign polling and financing and helped elect a number of conservative candidates, including President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel.[370] While a student at Columbia University, Finkelstein interviewed and helped produce radio programs for Ayn Rand, and was a volunteer at the New York headquarters of the Draft Goldwater Committee in 1963–64.

Finkelstein was known for his attack-dog strategies, referred to as “Finkel-think.” After Finkelstein, “liberal” became a pejorative. Finkelstein pioneered demographic analyses of primary voters and exit polling. Using a strategy called “microtargeting,” Finkelstein would bombard specific groups of potential supporters with appeals to support a candidate through direct mail and phone calls, coupled with television ads that mercilessly attacked a rival’s vulnerabilities.[371]

“Arthur was responsible for electing more people to the United States Senate than any other political consultant,” Alfonse M. D’Amato said in an interview.[372] Finkelstein helped elect or re-elect not only D’Amato, but Republican Senators James L. Buckley, Orrin Hatch of Utah, Jesse Helms of North Carolina, and Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. Finkelstein worked with Helms and Tom Ellis to establish the National Congressional Club. “Without Arthur Finkelstein, Ronald Reagan might never have become president of the United States,” historian and Reagan biographer Craig Shirley wrote for the *National Review* in January 2017.[373]

Roger Stone, Dolan and another legendary dirty trickster, Lee Atwater, all learned their trade from Finkelstein, known worldwide, as “The Merchant of Venom,” and came to be known as “Arthur’s

Boys."[374] Stone, who had also been a member of YAF, was devastated by Goldwater's defeat but remained fully devoted to the party. Stone says he became a Republican in 1964 at age 12, after a neighbor gave him a copy of Barry Goldwater's *The Conscience of a Conservative*. At 19, Stone helped Nixon's campaign by using the pseudonym Jason Rainier to donate money to Paul McCloskey, Nixon's challenger for the Republican nomination, and signed the funds under the Young Socialist Alliance and "leaked" the receipt to the press. Stone was implicated in the Watergate scandal, and according to his friend and eventual law partner and Donald Trump's future campaign manager, Paul Manafort, "They embellished what was a twenty-year old kid's role into being the mastermind of Watergate. Roger saw the opportunity to build a reputation off of being viewed as that politically significant…"[375] Stone rose through the ranks of youth groups like the YAF, Teenage Republicans, College Republicans, and the Young Republicans.

Charlie Black is a "longtime Washington lobbyist" who "worked in every Republican presidential campaign" since 1972.[376] In 1964, Black, then a senior in a North Carolina high school, saw his parents follow the wave of Dixiecrats shifting their allegiance to the Republican Party. "There was a general feeling of resistance or rebellion among white southerners to LBJ Lyndon B. Johnson, to the things he was doing," Black said. "I wasn't conversant with the policies, or why the civil rights act was bad, but it caused me to focus on it."[377] In 1972, Black was a campaign worker in the first senatorial campaign of Jesse Helms.

Super PACs

The Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) was founded in 1973 by the American Conservative Union (ACU) and the YAF. Finkelstein was the chief strategist behind National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC), founded by Stone, Black and Dolan, with help from Richard Viguerie and Thomas Ellis, in 1975. The PACs were designed to bypass campaign finance reforms instituted after Watergate. According to Stone, Campaign donations were limited to $5,000. "But the loophole

was," explains Stone, "we could advertise on behalf of a candidate, without their cooperation or coordination, an unlimited amount. And that's why NCPAC was successful."[378] Stone confessed, "NCPAC was transformative in the sense that we really pioneered negative campaign advertising in massive doses to win elections."[379] According to Dolan, referring to the efficacy of these tactics, "I'm convinced at some point with these types of programs you could elect Mickey Mouse to the house or the Senate."[380]

According to Jeffrey Toobin, "Roger was one of the inventors of the modern political system, the PACs, the Super PACs. That is where Roger has made his influence and it continues to be felt."[381] In 1976, Stone worked in Reagan's campaign for president, and in 1977, became national chairman of the Young Republicans. As explains Manafort, "When we elected Roger we moved the Republican Party in a more ideological direction. Up until that point it was straddling the old Republican establishment, and the new conservative movement that started in the Barry Goldwater days. We built on that and I think when Roger was elected chairman of the Young Republicans, that was sort of the piece that finalized everything."[382] Stone identified the "Reagan Democrat" and wrote the strategy to appeal to blue-collar and Catholic vote, which was critical in winning states that were not traditionally Republican.

In 1979 *Time* magazine characterized NCPAC, the Conservative Caucus and the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress headed by Paul Weyrich, as the three most important ultraconservative organizations making up the New Right.[383] NCPAC was a major contributor to the ascendancy of conservative Republicans in the early 1980s, including the election of Ronald Reagan as President.

In 1996, *Boston Magazine* outed Finkelstein as a homosexual in a feature story.[384] Finkelstein, who often emphasizing their opposition to gay rights and in particular to gay marriage, recently married his male partner. Dolan, who lived for a time with Stone and his wife, was a vocal proponent of family values and led organizations persistently critical of gay rights, was revealed to have been a closeted homosexual who frequented gay bars in

Washington, D.C.[385] He died from complications of AIDS at the age of 36.

Similarly, CPAC has collaborated with the Log Cabin Republicans (LCR), an organization that works within the Republican Party to advocate equal rights for LGBT people in the United States. It was founded in 1977 in California as a rallying point for Republicans opposed to the Briggs Initiative, which attempted to ban homosexuals from teaching in public schools. Ronald Reagan publicly expressed his opposition to the discriminatory policy, which played an influential role in the eventual defeat of the Initiative. In the midst of this victory, gay conservatives in California created the Log Cabin Republicans. LCR acts under the statement: “We are loyal Republicans. We believe in limited government, strong national defense, free markets, low taxes, personal responsibility, and individual liberty. Log Cabin Republicans represents an important part of the American family—taxpaying, hard working people who proudly believe in this nation’s greatness. We also believe all Americans have the right to liberty and equality.”[386]

Black, Manafort and Stone

In 1980, Black, Stone and Manafort founded the lobbying firm Black, Manafort, Stone and Kelly, one of the first political consulting firms to work for Ronald Reagan’s presidential candidacy in 1980, and would later also have extensive connections to the presidential administrations of George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Black worked for a succession of Republican presidential campaigns from 1976 to 1992, including those of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. His first hire on the Reagan campaign was Lee Atwater, whom he met during the course of his work with the Republican National Committee in 1972. Atwater became a senior partner in Black, Manafort and Stone the day after the 1984 presidential election.[387] The arrangement required Atwater to only work five or six days a month for the firm while completed a thesis on negative campaigning for his PhD.[388]

Atwater, who became Reagan’s campaign advisor, was the original master of “dirty tricks” politics, once called the “Babe Ruth of

negative politics."[389] During the 1970s and the 1980 election, Atwater rose to prominence in the South Carolina Republican Party, actively participating in the campaigns of Governor Carroll Campbell and Senator Strom Thurmond. As a student at Newberry College, he took charge of the College Republicans National Committee, which under his leadership became a national force. Before leaving school to work for Thurmond, Atwater orchestrated the campaign of Karl Rove, his protégé, in a bid to take over the College Republicans. Atwater made a name for himself in when he worked on Thurmond's tough election bid in 1978, a campaign run by Stone and Finkelstein. Atwater came to national attention when he was he was regional political director for Reagan's presidential run.[390] In 1981, Thurmond got Atwater a job at the White House under Reagan, where he become Deputy Assistant to Ed Rollins, a campaign consultant and advisor who has worked on several high-profile political campaigns in the United States. Rollins was part of a group of advisors who made the decision to use the neo-Nazi Republican Heritage Groups.[391]

Reagan's campaigns used racially coded rhetoric, making attacks on the "welfare state" and leveraging resentment towards affirmative action.[392] Atwater discussed this "Southern Strategy" in a 1981 interview later published in *Southern Politics in the 1990s* by Alexander P. Lamis:

> You start out in 1954 by saying, "Nigger, nigger, nigger." By 1968 you can't say "nigger"—that hurts you. Backfires. So you say stuff like forced busing, states' rights and all that stuff. You're getting so abstract now [that] you're talking about cutting taxes, and all these things you're talking about are totally economic things and a byproduct of them is [that] blacks get hurt worse than whites. And subconsciously maybe that is part of it. I'm not saying that. But I'm saying that if it is getting that abstract, and that coded, that we are doing away with the racial problem one way or the other. You follow me—because obviously sitting around saying, "We want to cut this," is much more abstract than even the busing thing, and a hell of a lot more abstract than "Nigger, nigger."[393]

In 1976, Manafort was the delegate-hunt coordinator for eight states for the President Ford Committee run by James A. Baker III. Between 1978 and 1980, Manafort was the southern coordinator for Reagan's presidential campaign, and the deputy political director at the Republican National Committee. After Reagan's election in November 1980, Manafort was appointed Associate Director of the Presidential Personnel Office at the White House. As the political director of the GOP convention in Dallas, Manafort had arranged Reagan's speech to kick off his post-convention presidential campaign at the Neshoba County Fair just outside of Philadelphia, Mississippi, where three young civil rights workers were brutally murdered by the Klan in 1964.[394]

Reagan's visit at Neshoba was hosted by Trent Lott, a 33º Scottish Rite Freemason, at the time a Mississippi congressman.[395] In his relatively short speech, Reagan made an overt appeal to the Southern Strategy, and declared, "I believe in states' rights… And I believe that we've distorted the balance of our government today by giving powers that were never intended in the constitution to that federal establishment. And if I do get the job I'm looking for, I'm going to devote myself to trying to reorder those priorities and to restore to the states and local communities those functions which properly belong there."[396]

"Since then," according to the *New York Times*, Black, Manafort and Stone has become a power broker that thrives on a hardball approach."[397] Jane Mayer wrote, "When people think of Washington corruption, they think of organizations like Black, Manafort and Stone that shook down dictators, took all their money, and then tried to take America's government and make them serve the dictators' interests. You know, it is the swamp."[398] Its client list included Salomon Brothers, Kaman Aerospace and Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. The firm has represented, and lobbied the US Congress on behalf of numerous foreign governments and dictatorships including Mohamed Siad Barre of Somalia, Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines, Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire, and Jonas Savimbi of Angola.[399] During the 1988 presidential campaign in the US, it was disclosed that Black, Manafort retained the island nation of the

Bahamas as a client at a time its leadership was being attacked for alleged ties to drug smugglers.[400]

6. Project Monarch

Ritual Abuse

There have been claims that there existed a subproject of MK-Ultra known as Project Monarch, operated by international pedophile rings, drug barons, and Satanists, who allegedly used a form of "trauma-based mind control programming" to create mind-controlled sex slaves.[401] Although there is no mention of a "Project Monarch" in the available literature, a number of victims have come forward to describe similar experiences. Evidence is found in CIA's MK-Ultra Subproject 136 undertaken in 1961, which was devoted to the study ESP among children, mediums and schizophrenics. The purpose was not to determine if ESP exists, but rather to determine the personality factors that contributed to ESP skills, and any other factors to be considered in using ESP as a method of communication. As the study noted, "any positive results along these lines would have obvious utility to the Agency."[402]

The CIA document then outlines what would soon become the hallmark of this particular trajectory of MK-Ultra, the inducement of Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD), later renamed dissociative identity disorder (DID). According to the document: "in working with individual subjects, special attention will be given to dissociative states, which tend to accompany spontaneous ESP experiences. Such states can be induced and controlled to some extent with hypnosis and drugs."[403] Additionally:

> Learning studies will be instituted in which the subject will be rewarded or punished for his overall performance and reinforced in various ways—with electric shock, etc…. In other cases drugs and psychological tricks will be used to modify his attitudes. The experimenters will be particularly interested in dissociative states… to multiple personality in so-called mediums, and an

> attempt will be made to induce a number of states of this kind, using hypnosis.[404]

Specifically, MK-Ultra was intended to research the possibility of reproducing such communication by effectively "conjuring" spirit entities into designated victims, through the use of drugs, and or torture—more controversially known as Satanic ritual abuse (SRA). Sigmund Freud wrote about the possible survival of satanic cults:

> I have an idea shaping in my mind that in the perversions, of which hysteria is the negative, we may have before us a residue of a primaeval sexual cult which, in the Semitic East (Moloch, Astarte), was once, perhaps still is, a religion… I dream, therefore, of a primaeval Devil religion whose rites are carried on secretly, and I understand the severe therapy of the witches' judges.[405]

The daughter of Alfred Adler, Alexandra Adler, who worked as a neurology instructor at the Harvard Medical School, wrote the foreword to the Encyclopedia of Aberrations, a reputable professional publication authored by a prestigious group of psychiatric experts, which includes an entry, "Devil Worship," according to which:

> In the twentieth century in England black magic is practiced and taught in secret schools both at Oxford and at Cambridge. The Black Mass is still celebrated in the drawing rooms of Mayfair and in Chelsea studios under conditions of almost absolute secrecy. There are at least seven active chapters of Satanists, each with an initiated membership of nearly fifty men and women, who meet at stated intervals and have their hidden chapels devoted to the worship of the demon.[406]

Although the article goes on to describe abusive acts toward children, ever since the profusion of accusations of SRA that emerged in the 1980s and 1990s, following the publication of *Michelle Remembers*, these reports have been dismissed as a

“moral panic” and the result of “false memory syndrome.” For example, anthropologist Jean LaFontaine, in the 1998 book *Speak of the Devil*, didn’t deny that rituals took place, but strangely suggest that they were invented by child abusers to frighten their victims or justify the abuse whose primary goal was sexual gratification, rather than ritualistic or religious. However, in 2001 and 2002, British psychoanalyst and psychotherapist Valerie Sinason and her colleague Robert Hale, in a pilot study funded by the Department of Health, and released by the Freedom of Information Act, concluded that they found clinical evidence for the widespread practice of satanic ritual abuse in the United Kingdom.

Greenbaum Speech

D. Corydon Hammond, a respected doctor and professor who specialized in treating patients with alter-personalities, gave a speech, known widely as the “Greenbaum Speech,” where he claimed to have learned from his patients that MK-Ultra was tied in an international network of Satanists who came to the US with the Nazis. The speech was titled “Hypnosis in MDP: Ritual Abuse, delivered at the Fourth Annual Easter Regional Conference on Abuse and Multiple Personality, at the Fourth Annual Eastern Regional Conference on Abuse and Multiple Personality, on June 25, 1992, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Mark Center, Alexandria, Virginia. Hammond claimed his patients had revealed that during World War II, Allen Dulles and other intelligence people were in Switzerland looking for ways to bring former Nazi scientists to the United States. Among them was a teenager a teenager, who had been raised in a Hasidic Jewish tradition and a background of Kabbalistic mysticism. The boy changed his name to Dr. Green, obtained a medical degree, and continued his work that became the center of Cult Programming.

As to their goal, Hammond added, “My best guess is that the purpose of it is that they want an army of Manchurian Candidates, tens of thousands of mental robots who will do prostitution, do child pornography, smuggle drugs, engage in international arms smuggling, do snuff films, all sorts of very lucrative things and do

their bidding and eventually the megalomaniacs at the top believe they'll create a Satanic Order that will rule the world." This programming, he claimed, is often done on military bases. The cult was allegedly composed of respectable, powerful members of society who used the funds generated to further their agenda. His patients named referred to them as the "Illuminati," who appear to maintain counsels in several parts of the world and one internationally. As to whether or not it is all true, Hammond answered:

> Well, I can't definitely tell you that it is. What I can say is I now believe that ritual-abuse programming is widespread, is systematic, is very organized from highly esoteric information which is published nowhere, has not been on any book or talk show, that we have found all around this country and at least one foreign country.[407]

James Randall Noblitt, formerly an Air Force clinical psychologist, is a Professor of Clinical Psychology at Alliant International University in Los Angeles, and Pamela Sue Perskin are the authors of *Cult and Ritual Abuse: Its History, Anthropology, and Recent Discovery in Contemporary America*, which argues that some allegations of intergenerational, ritualized abuse cults are supported by evidence. Noblitt and Perkins' conclusion is that DID, which is a Western version of what has been known historically and anthropologically as possession, is a condition produced through ritual trauma. Noblitt and Perkins note that hypnotists commonly believe that one cannot hypnotize another individual to do anything against that person's will, or anything that violates that person's conscience. They authors observe, however, that in cult programming, the trauma caused by the horror of ritual abuse and violence creates states of dissociation, or DID, where survivors report the loss of their normal sense of executive control. Noblitt therefore defines programming as "the manipulation or traumatization of alter personalities, fragments or other dissociated mental states or entities for the purpose of mind control.[408]

The authors cite Henri Ellenberger's book *The Discovery of the Unconscious* (1970), which provides contributions of Pierre Janet, Sigmund Freud, Alfred Adler, and Carl Jung, and which traced the ancestry of dynamic psychiatry beginning with the magical of shamans and witchdoctors through the historic European accounts of demonic possession. Ellenberger concluded, "Possession eventually disappeared, but it was replaced by multiple personality."[409] Josef Breuer and Freud wrote:

> The more we occupied ourselves with these phenomena the more certain became our convictions that the splitting of consciousness, so striking in the familiar classical cases of double consciousness, exists rudimentarily in every hysteria, and that the tendency to this dissociation, and with it the tendency towards the appearance of abnormal states of consciousness which we comprehend as "hypnoid states," is the chief phenomenon of this neurosis. In this view we agree with Binet and with both the Janets.[410]

Noblitt and Perkins cite numerous books by professional psychiatrists and therapists who have found empirical evidence to support claims of SRA. One of the earliest reviews of the literature was published in Valerie Sinason's *Treating Survivors of Satanist Abuse* (1994). In the same year, Kathleen Faller's article "Ritual Abuse: A Review of the Research" (1994) provided a detailed critical analysis of the empirical studies, noting that there is corroborating evidence for some RA allegations. A section on ritual abuse in *Memory, Trauma, Treatment and the Law* by Daniel Brown, Alan Scheflin, and Cory Hammond (1998) discussed selective but representative studies also concluded that some of the evidence supports SRA claims. Reviews of organized abuse that include the topic of ritual abuse were published by Gough, Kelly, and Scott (1993) and more recently in Michael Salter's scholarly paper, "Organised Abuse: A Neglected Category of Sexual Abuse with Significant Lifetime Mental Healthcare Sequelae."

Noblitt and Perkins also list examples of authors who were qualified professionals as well as ritual abuse survivors. For

example, a survivor using the pseudonym Margaret Smith wrote the book *Ritual Abuse: What It Is, Why It Happens, How to Help* (1993); Barbara Jackson, a ritual abuse survivor and Harvard-educated biochemist, who spoke regarding her experience of ritual abuse at the National Conference on Crimes against Children in September 1993 in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Cathy Kezelman, a physician in Australia, described her own past ritual abuse experience and recovery in her book Innocence *Revisited: A Tale in Parts* (2010). The author of *Breaking the Circle of Satanic Ritual Abuse* (1992) and *Cover-Up of the Century* (1994), by Daniel Ryder, was reportedly both a survivor and therapist. In the ritual abuse survivor autobiography *Silent No More: The Lamb Speaks*, the author, Dr. Margaret Lamb Johnson Hayes, wrote, “If I, as a board-certified psychiatrist and a former officer of the U.S. Air Force and the Foreign Service, am not credible, who is?”[411]

The experiences reported tend to be consistent. For example, Pamela Hudson (1991), who assessed 24 children in a case of alleged ritual abuse at a Fort Bragg day care center in California, identified 16 forms of abuse: (1) being locked in a cage or “jail”; (2) being told that their parents, pets, or younger siblings would be killed if they told anyone of the abuse; (3) being buried in the ground in coffins which they called “boxes”; (4) being held underwater; (5) being threatened with guns and knives; (6) being injected with needles, bled, drugged; (7) being photographed during the abuse; (8) being tied upside down over a “star,” hung from a pole or hook, burned with candles; (9) perpetrators wearing black robes, masks; (10) having participated in a mock marriage; (11) being defecated and urinated upon; (12) having observed animals killed; (13) having observed torture or molestation of other children; (14) having seen children and babies killed; (15) having blood poured on their heads; and (16) being taken to churches, other day care settings, people’s homes, and graveyards for the ritual abuse. Of these, 13 children acknowledged experiencing at least one of the listed abuses, not counting the 14th. Four children reported number 14, seeing children and babies killed.[412]

Human Ecology Society (HES)

On March 15, 1995, New Orleans clinical social worker Valerie B. Wolf and two of her clients, Claudia S. Mullen and Christina Denicola Ebner, appeared before President Clinton's Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments in Washington DC to testify about the abuse they endured, particularly under the supervision of Dr. L. Wilson Greene. According to a memo written by Dulles in December 3, 1955, it was through Dr. L. Wilson Greene, Technical Director of the Chemical and Radiological Laboratories at the Army Chemical Center, that the CIA became interested in psychoactive substances called psychochemicals, particularly LSD, following his report produced in 1949 entitled titled "Psychochemical Warfare, a New Concept of War."[413] As recounted by H.P. Albarelli Jr.'s *A Terrible Mistake: The Murder of Frank Olson and the CIA's Secret Cold War Experiments*, after he had been altered to the discovery of LSD by scientists at Sandoz, Greene read of the potential usefulness of the drug when he explored documents retrieved from the *Ahnenerbe*, founded by SS member Heinrich Himmler, who was one of the main architects of the Holocaust.

According to Ebner, her father, who was involved with Dr. Greene, who performed radiation, as well as mind control and drug experiments on her in Tucson, Arizona, from 1966 to 1973. She believed his objective was to train her to be a spy assassin. Her first significant memory took place at Kansas City University in 1966, when she was four years old. She was strapped down, naked, spread-eagled on a table on her back, with electrodes on her body, and he was attempting to burn different images into her. Between each sequence he used electroshock and pronounced hypnotic commands. She was taught how to pick locks, be secretive, use my photographic memory and a technique to withhold information by repeating numbers to herself. He often bound her in a cage near his office.

Mullen reported that Greene once related to Dr. Charles Brown that "children were used as subjects because they were more fun to work with and cheaper too. They needed lower profile subjects than soldiers and government people so only young willing females would do. Besides," he said, "I like scaring them. They in the Agency think I am a God, creating subjects in experiments for whatever deviant

purposes Sid [Sidney Gottlieb] and James [Dr. James Hamilton] could think up." Dr. James Hamilton, a Stanford Medical School psychiatrist, worked closely with his OSS colleague, George H. White, the head of Operation Climax.

In 1958, Mullen was told she was to be tested by some important doctors from the Human Ecology Society (HES). The HES was headed by Lieutenant Colonel James L. Monroe, a physician and Air Force officer, and high-ranking officer in the Pentagon's Prisoner of War Office. He supervised the work of Albert D. Biderman, a seminal figure in the Cold War's brainwashing programs, who was a Senior Research Associate in Social Psychology at the Bureau of Social Science Research. Immediately following World War II, Biderman was recruited to participate in interrogation of Nazi scientists on the results of their research, which evolved into Paperclip. Beginning about 1956, Monroe was assigned by an official John Gittinger, an official of the CIA's Technical Services Staff (TSS) to personally oversee the experiments of Dr. D. Ewen Cameron at McGill.[414]

Gittinger was a witness and identified as a CIA psychologist at Senate hearings into Project MK-Ultra.[415] Gittinger's participation in MK-Ultra is discussed by John Marks in *The Search for the Manchurian Candidate*. In the postwar years, Gittinger superseded Henry A. Murray, and would rise in the CIA, where he developed the Personality Assessment System (PAS) and how to use it to manipulate people. Henry A. Murray, the Director of the Harvard Psychological Clinic, was a recruit to the sex-cult of his friend, the psychologist Carl Jung. In collaboration with Walter Langer, Murray created a report commissioned in 1943 by Bill Donovan of the OSS, titled "Analysis of the Personality of Adolph Hitler." Gittinger refined both Murray's assessment function and Walter Langer's indirect analysis of foreign leaders. Gittinger's methods would become an integral part of the CIA's operations, and he would become the protégé of Sidney Gottlieb, who headed the MK-Ultra program.[416]

After she was tested by Gittinger, Cameron and Greene, Mullen was told by Sid Gottlieb that she "was ripe for the big A" meaning ARTICHOKE. The next year, when she was nine years old, she was sent to a lodge in Maryland called Deep Creek Cabins to learn how

to sexually please men and to coerce them into talking about themselves while being taped by hidden camera. Apparently, Richard Helms, who was Deputy Director of the CIA, Gottlieb, George White, Morris Allan all planned on filling as many high government agency officials and heads of academic institutions and foundations as possible with blackmailed candidates, to assure continued funding for mind control and radiation projects. Mullen was also taken to Masonic lodges, where she recalled, “These people go crazy at these parties. These men, they just get drunk and… they pass you around… it’s horrible what they do.”[417]

Testifying on Patti Hearst’s behalf were at least two MKULTRA subcontractors, in addition to Jolyon West. Dr. Martin Orne was a Harvard University professor funded by the Human Ecology Society. Orne experimentally hypnotized and tested Harvard students and sent their scores to Gittinger at the CIA for analysis.[418] Orne’s testimony made the claim that Hearst feared for her life and followed the Symbionese Liberation Army’s orders.[419] Dr. Robert J. Lifton, co-founder of the Human Ecology Society, testified as a defense witness, arguing that the Symbionese Liberation Army, had employed techniques similar to those he wrote about in *Thought Reform*, his detailed account of the experiences of fifteen Chinese citizens and twenty-five Westerners who underwent attempts at “brainwashing” by the Communist Chinese government.[420]

Lifton’s colleague and good friend, Dr. Margaret Singer, also testified at the Hearst trial. Singer, in 1953, was a staff psychologist at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C., where she specialized in studying returned Korean War POWs. In this position, she frequently came in contact with Albert D. Biderman, who was among the scientists involved in the MK-Ultra front, the Human Ecology Society (HES).[421] Biderman is known for a 1957 Air Force study of “Chinese Communist” interrogation methodology (commonly referred to as “brainwashing”) that the United States alleged were used during the Korean War to obtain confessions.

Singer commended the book as *Raven: The Untold Story of the Rev. Jim Jones and His People* – the CIA’s code-name for Jim Jones–by San Francisco Examiner reporters Tim Reiterman and John Jacobs, “the definitive psychohistory of Jim Jones.” *Raven*, she

offered, which completely side-steps CIA involvement, conveyed “the essence of psychological and social processes that Jim Jones, the ultimate manipulator, set in motion.”[422]

Like Jonestown, according to Alex Constantine, “the Symbionese Liberation Army was a mind control creation unleashed by the Agency.”[423] Michael Meiers, author of Was Jonestown a CIA Medical Experiment?, scavenged for information on the People’s Temple for six years, concluding: “The Jonestown experiment was conceived by Dr. Layton, staffed by Dr. Layton and financed by Dr. Layton. It was as much his project as it was Jim Jones” [424] Dr. Lawrence Laird Layton of the University of California at Berkeley was formerly a chemist for the Manhattan Project and head of the Army’s chemical warfare research division in the early 1950s. His son Larry Layton, led the death squad that murdered Congressman Leo Ryan, who had arrived at the compound in Guyana to investigate the cult. [425]

False Memory Syndrome Foundation

As noted by S. J. Dallam, two consistent findings have emerged from research on child sexual abuse. First, the problem is widespread, as indicated in Finkelhor, “The international epidemiology of child sexual abuse,” in *Child Abuse & Neglect* (1994). Secondly, child abuse is extensively undisclosed and underreported, according to Lawson & Chaffin, in “False negatives in sexual abuse disclosure interviews,” for the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (1992). As revealed by Dziech & Schudson in *On trial: America’s courts and their treatment of sexually abused children*, even when reported, child sexual abuse is extremely difficult to prosecute and few perpetrators are ever brought to justice. Children rarely invent stories of abuse, as shown in Goodwin, Sahd & Rada, “Incest hoax: False accusations, false denials,” for *Bulletin of American Academy of Psychiatry & Law* (1979), and Thoennes & Tjaden in “The extent, nature, and validity of sexual abuse allegations in custody and visitation disputes,” for *Child Sexual Abuse & Neglect* (1990).

Nevertheless, Dallam indicated, accused parents, many of whom were affluent and respected members of the community, sought out defense lawyers and psychological experts who devised the new concept, “False Memory Syndrome,” despite the fact that it remained undefined and had never been the subject of any research.[426] Nevertheless, the term was advanced as an alternative explanation for memories of sexual abuse, and in 1992 the False Memory Syndrome Foundation (FMSF) was founded. After surveying its members, the FMSF reported that most parents who joined the organization were concerned that they were going to be sued by their children, and a number of them had even been criminally prosecuted of molesting children.[427]

The FMSF was created by Pamela and Peter Freyd, after their daughter, Jennifer Freyd, a professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, openly leveled accusations of abuse against them at an August 1993 mental health conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan. “I refer to the things that were never ‘forgotten’ and ‘recovered,’ but to things that we all knew about,” she clarified. She referenced her father’s alcoholism as an example. “During my childhood, my father sometimes discussed his own experiences of being sexually abused as an 11 year-old boy, and called himself a ‘kept boy.’” Peter Freyd eventually became involved in male prostitution as an adolescent. [428]

The Freyd’s own psychiatrist, Dr. Harold Lief, an advisory board member of the FMSF, denied the allegations. Lief is a close colleague of MK-Ultra doctor Martin Orne, who was one of Timothy Leary’s associates at Harvard, and a founding member of FMSF.[429] Lief’s academic writing include, “Orgasm in the Postoperative Transsexual” for *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, and an exploration of the possibility of life after death for a journal on mental diseases edited by Foundation fellow Paul McHugh. Lief is a director of the Center for Sexuality and Religion, past president of the Sex Information and Education Council. With the help of Lief and Orne, the FMSF quickly gathered a respectable appearing advisory board, giving the new syndrome an aura of scientific acceptance.[430] These included and psychologist Elizabeth Loftus, and sociologist Richard Ofshe. Ofshe has filed a suit, with Margaret Singer, for $30

million against the American Psychological Association for engaging in a “conspiracy” to “destroy” their reputations and prevent them from testifying in the courtroom.[431]

Loftus, a professor of psychology and law at the University of Washington in Seattle. In 2002, Loftus was ranked 58th in the *Review of General Psychology*’s list of the 100 most influential psychological researchers of the twentieth century. Loftus had also testified on behalf of mass murderer Ted Bundy. After criticizing the theory of recovered memory and testifying against allegations of child sexual abuse Loftus was subject to online criticism by Diana Napolis, an American former social worker, also known by her on-line pseudonym Curio, who believed Loftus was engaged in satanic ritual abuse or assisted in covering up these crimes as part of a larger conspiracy.[432]

After 20 years, Loftus suddenly quit the APA in 1996, arguing that the association was moving “far from scientific thinking and more toward therapeutic and professional guild interests.”[433] Later it turned out that in 1995 two separate ethics complaints had been filled with the APA against her. Jennifer Hoult and Lynn Crook, who had recovered memories corroborating evidence of severe childhood sexual abuse, sued their fathers and won. Hoult's father, who was defended by Loftus, appealed the case, but lost each time. Jennifer was awarded $500,000 in damages. Nevertheless, Jennifer’s father became an active member of the FMSF after the trial.[434]

A field known as psychohistory accuses most anthropologists and ethnologists of being apologists for incest, infanticide, cannibalism and child sacrifice. Lloyd DeMause, one the leading proponents of psychohistory, wrote an article for the *Journal of Psychohistory*, titled “Why Cults Terrorize and Kill Children,” where he labelled the sceptics of the abuse, including the FMSF, as “molesters” and “pedophile advocates.”[435] Major contributors and researchers affiliated with the FMSF are usually either accused molesters, members of pedophile advocacy groups, or in the case of Ralph Underwager, appeared in journals such as *Paidika: The Journal of Paedophilia*.[436] Underwager, a pastor of Lutheran Churches in Iowa and Minnesota, who was a member of the foundation’s scientific advisory board in 1993, told *Paidika*:

> Paedophiles can boldly and courageously affirm what they choose. They can say that what they want is to find the best way to love. I am also a theologian and as a theologian, I believe it is God's will that there be closeness and intimacy, unity of the flesh, between people. A paedophile can say: "This closeness is possible for me within the choices that I've made."[437]

Underwager was a prolific defense expert for people accused of child sexual abuse, who by the late 1980s had appeared in court cases more than 200 times in the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Britain. Examples of his tactics included arguing that the children's testimony of abuse was the result of brainwashing by social workers using Communist brainwashing techniques.[438] The accused couple were acquitted, and joined with Underwager in 1984 to form VOCAL, a lobby group for people who had been accused of child abuse by social services. Within a year of its establishment, VOCAL claimed 3000 members in 100 chapters across America.[439] VOCAL members picketed hospitals, courts and social service departments who they characterized as staffed by "Gestapo-like" "fanatics," "quacks and zealots" who remove children solely based on "rumours."[440] VOCAL criticized child abuse prevention programs, claiming that they create sexually aware children who might misinterpret innocent touch from an adult.[441] After Underwager's comments in *Paidika* came to light, he resigned from the FMSF's scientific advisory board. However, Underwager later stated that "radical feminists who have self-styled themselves as sex-abuse experts" had taken the interview out of context and used to discredit his ability to testify in courts and damage the reputation of the FMSF.[442]

Paul and Shirley Eberle, who have been speakers at a conference held by VOCAL, were the first American journalists to write a popularly acclaimed book defending victims of false child abuse accusations. The Eberles wrote two books on the subject. The first, *The Politics of Child Abuse* (1986), examined a number of celebrated multi-victim/multi-perpetrator molestation scandals. The second, *The Abuse of Innocence: The McMartin Preschool Trial* (1993), was one of the most widely cited books claiming that cult

abuse reports were mass hysteria is Paul and Shirley Eberle's *The Abuse of Innocence: The McMartin Preschool Trial*.

The McMartin preschool trial was a day care sexual abuse case in the 1980s, Members of the McMartin family, who operated a preschool in Manhattan Beach, California, were charged with numerous acts of sexual abuse of children in their care. In preparation for the case, 389 children were interviewed, and nearly all of them described abuse at the preschool, and do to this day. Some 80% had physical symptoms, including blunt force trauma of sexual areas, scarring, rectal bleeding and sexual diseases.[443] The parents of the McMartin preschoolers hired scientists and technicians who unearthed a series of underground tunnels beneath the school, confirming the children's testimony. Forensic tests on thousands of objects found at the site included two hundred animal bones. The tunnels were dug in 1966, the year of the schools construction by the father of the defendant, Charles Buckey.[444]

The Eberles instead sought to portray the accused abusers as victims of mass hysteria, satanic panic and a witch hunt. However, the Eberles had been called "the most prolific publishers of child pornography in the United States" by Sgt. Toby Tyler, a San Bernadino deputy sheriff who is nationally recognized as an expert on child pornography.[445] As reported in *Ms Magazine* in 1988, the Eberles edited a soft-core magazine in California called the *L.A. Star*, that contained a mixture of nude photos and promos for *The Politics of Child Abuse*. That is despite the fact that the Eberles had been called "the most prolific publishers of child pornography in the United States" by Sgt. Toby Tyler, a San Bernadino deputy sheriff who is nationally recognized as an expert on child pornography.[446] In the 1970's, the Eberles had been publishing hard-core publication, *Finger*, which bondage, S & M, and featured articles with titles like "Sexpot at Five," "My First Rape, She Was Only Thirteen," and "What Happens When Niggers Adopt White Children."[447]

Well-known skeptic James Randi, the "Amazing Randi," was a member of the Advisory Board of the FMSF and co-founder of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP), together with Paul Kurz and Ray Hyman of the FMSF. The James Randi Educational Foundation (JREF) offered

a prize of $1,000,000 to anyone able to demonstrate a supernatural ability under scientific testing criteria agreed to by both sides. Authors Isaac Asimov and Arthur C. Clarke have called him “a national treasure,” and scientist Carl Sagan praised Randi's book, *The Truth about Uri Geller*, as "a healthy antidote to charlatanism on all levels.”[448] Randi has been involved in a number of lawsuits, and part of the evidence brought against him was a tape of his telephone conversations, on which Randi was speaking to a small boy about sex and how much it would cost. This tape was played during a trial in which Randi was accused by Eldon Byrd, a good friend of Uri Geller and a former Naval Surface Weapons Center researcher, of defamation by claiming he was a known pedophile. Randi claimed it was all a setup by Byrd and that the boys on the tape were prank callers.[449]

7. Down Under

Ultimate Evil

Maury Terry's book *The Ultimate Evil* revealed Roy Cohn's connection to a Satanic pedophile rings during his investigation of the Son of Sam killings. David Berkowitz, known also as the Son of Sam and the .44 Caliber Killer, is an American serial killer who was convicted of eight separate shooting attacks that began in New York City during the summer of 1976. He confessed to all of them, and claimed to have been obeying the orders of a demon, manifested in the form of a dog "Harvey" who belonged to his neighbor "Sam." At the time of Berkowitz's arrest, the official line of the New York Police Department was that Son of Sam had acted alone in the murders. In his subsequent investigation, Maury Terry discovered that these "Son of Sam" killings were, in fact, satanic ritual killings.

Terry gathered compelling evidence that the cult behind these crimes was the satanic group known as the Process Church of the Final Judgment which he also implicated in the Charles Manson murders. Terry portrayed The Process as being the major player behind a vast Satanic underground network that dealt in pornography, drugs, and ritual murder. The Process Church was developed by its British founders as a splinter client cult group from Scientology.[450] According to Berkowitz, the Process provided children for sex at parties held by wealthy people in Westchester, Manhattan, Connecticut, and Long Island. Berkowitz informed Terry that one of these parties were held at Cohn's house in Connecticut. Additionally, two further witnesses maintained that occasionally present at these parties were a Yonkers judge, at least two Westchester County politicians, a high-ranking New York state politician, a celebrated but later-murdered physician, a Nobel Prize-winning doctor, and two aides to then-mayor of New York City Abraham Beame.[451]

Cohn admitted to NYPD detective James Rothstein that he was part of an elaborate sexual blackmail operation that compromised politicians with child prostitutes, carried out as part of an anticommunist crusade. According to Rothstein, “Cohn’s job was to run the little boys. Say you had an admiral, a general, a congressman, who did not want to go along with the program. Cohn’s job was to set them up, then they would go along. Cohn told me that himself.”[452] Rothstein also had an opportunity to speak to infamous Operation 40 Watergate burglar Frank Sturgis, who revealed that one of the reasons for breaking into the Democratic National Committee headquarters was a hidden “Pedophile Book,” which was supposed to have a list of politicians.[453]

Roy Cohn was also close personal friends with Australian media mogul and Knight of Malta Rupert Murdoch, whose friend Kerry Packer was also named by Project Monarch survivor Fiona Barnett as part of a VIP pedophile ring of Satanic ritual abuse and international child trafficking involving MK-Ultra doctors. [454] According to researcher Steve McMurray, who has pursued Barnett’s claims, MK-Ultra was brought to Australia in 1960 by the Huxley family. Aldoush and Julian Huxley’s relative, Leonard G.H. Huxley, was the vice-chancellor of Australian National University (ANU) in the 1960s. In 1923, Leonard studied at New College, Oxford, where he met Julian Huxley, then a fellow of the college and a reader in biology, with whom he formed a firm and lasting friendship. In 1956, Leonard was elected to the Council of the Australian Academy of Science (AAS) and he became Vice-President the following year. AAS works in parallel with the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA). At the time, the headquarters of ASSA were located on the grounds of the ANU in Canberra, which Leonard was the Chairman of. ASSA was also influenced by the Carnegie Corporation and the pro-eugenics UNESCO which Julian Huxley founded. The ASSA council met with the heads of UNESCO Australia in 1956 and worked together to decide the direction of their eugenics agenda for Australia.[455]

In 1965, Leonard Huxley was the head of the Australian Fulbright Scholarship program at United States Educational Foundation in Australia (USEFA), which transferred MKULTRA

doctors between Australia and the USA. In that year, Huxley accepted an application for a Scholarship from Dr. John D. McCaffrey from Stanford University. One of McCaffrey's references was Gregory Bateson. Huxley would have also overseen the Fulbright Lectureship being granted to Martin Orne, an MK-Ultra doctor affiliated with the False Memory Syndrome Foundation, to visit to Sydney University. Huxley was appointed to the board for the 1960 period and was also on the board of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) with Richard Casey as the Executive. Casey helped to establish Australian Security Intelligence Service (ASIO), under the aegis of the British Secret Intelligence Service, also known as MI6.[456] He also helped to secure funding for USEFA in 1959.[457]

In April of 1960, four months before Orne was in Sydney, G.H. Estabrooks, the father of the "Manchurian Candidate," invited Orne to speak at a symposium at Colgate College. Estabrooks had maintained correspondence with Bill Donovan, H. Edgar Hoover, and Aldous and Julian Huxley.[458] Estabrooks, a Harvard University graduate, Rhodes Scholar and chairman of psychology at Colgate University, Canada, is the only mind control doctor who has publicly acknowledged conducting extensive hypnosis work on behalf of the CIA, FBI and military intelligence. Estabrooks was once quoted as saying, "The key to creating an effective spy or assassin rests in splitting a man's personality, or creating multipersonality, with the aid of hypnotism… This is not science fiction… I have done it."[459]

The paper presented by Orne at the symposium was later titled "Antisocial Behavior and Hypnosis." Orne's research at the University of Sydney was financed by the Human Ecology Fund and the US Air Force Office of Scientific Research, specifically under a project titled, "Attitude Formation, Decision Matrices."[460] Orne was given permission to perform the experiment in the facilities belonging to the Faculty of Psychology by Alfred Gordon Hammer, the head of the department, who was also the Chairman of the Australian Branch of the British Psychological Society in 1960, later the Australian Psychological Society). Hammer would spend two sabbaticals in Orne's laboratories in the United States during the 1960's and 1970's.[461]

Maudsley Hospital

Another key MKULTRA Australia doctor, John Phillip Sutcliffe, who also received ASSA sponsorship for his studies.[462] As Dr. Peter W. Sheehan explained, Sutcliffe was the driving force behind MK-Ultra hypnosis research, having come to Australia at the University of Sydney through his connections with Martin Orne.[463] Prior to that, Sutcliffe was in contact with Dr. Hans J. Eysenck, the racist psychologist involved with Alain de Benoist's GRECE, the chief organization of the French *Nouvelle Droite*. In the 1960s, Eysenck was Director of MK-Ultra Subproject 111. The chief of the CIA's Chemical Branch, responsible for psychology research as well as drugs and poisons, noted that, "Eysenck is one of the most skillful and productive psychologists on the international scene today and a grant to him would add prestige of the (Human Ecology Society). "This project will also be in accordance with the plan of developing (the Society) as a worldwide organization."[464]

Eysenck operated out of the Institute of Psychiatry (IoP) at Maudsley Hospital in London, the staging ground for MK-Ultra in Europe and Africa, perhaps Australia as well. The IoP was originally a competitor to the notorious Tavistock clinic until it came under Tavistock control when Dr. John Rawlings Rees and Eric Trist, started operating out of there.[465] The Maudsley maintained its links with Germany, taking on both pro-Nazis and Jewish emigres through fellowships provided by the Commonwealth Fund and, after 1935, large scale funds from the American Rockefeller Foundation.

Eliot Slater was appointed medical officer Maudsley in 1931. Slater was the Vice-Chair of the British Eugenics Society and had a long history of working closely with MK-Ultra doctor William Sargant who worked with Ewen Cameron.[466] In 1934, Slater was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation travelling fellowship, which he used to study psychiatric genetics under Bruno Schulz at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Munich.[467] Slater continued to visit Munich through the 1930s and contributed to academic festivities honoring Nazi eugenicist Ernst Rudin.[468] Julian Huxley later promoted Slater's

work at the Maudsley.[469] In 1936, Julian Huxley's friend Julian Treveleyan, took part in a mescaline study at Maudsley.[470]

In the interwar period, the Maudsley engaged in widespread experimentation with animal hormones, overdoses as a shock therapy and numerous psychoactive drugs, in what has been described as "unconstrained experimentation." One of those involved, as a trainee and then junior doctor, was the controversial William Sargant of the Tavistock Institute, and author of *The Battle for the Mind* edited by Robert Graves, a friend of Gordon Wasson and Idries Shah.[471] In 2009, BBC Radio 4 broadcast a program by James Maw entitled *Revealing the Mind Bender General*, about Sargant's Sleep Room treatments at St. Thomas' Hospital. Among the interviewees were his one-time registrar David Owen, and a number of patients from St Thomas' as well as a survivor of human experimentation at the Porton Down—the site of one of the UK's most secretive and controversial military research facilities—who testified that their lives had been shattered by Sargant's treatments.

While Eysenck had influence over Sutcliffe, Wendy A.F. Thorn was a student in Sutcliffe's department studying hypnosis and multiple personality disorder with MKULTRA Sub-project 84 Doctor, Frederick J. Evans. In 1961, Thorn received a post-graduate research scholarship at ANU for studies on the placebo effect, after completing her thesis in 1960 at Sydney University, on posthypnotic amnesia. In the same year, she presents a paper at the Australian Branch of the British Psychological society on "Hypnosis and Suggestibility." In 1963-64, Thorn was involved in hypnosis research with MKULTRA Subproject 84 Doctor, Frederick J. Evans, while receiving assistance from the Studies in Hypnosis Project, directed by Orne with CIA funding.[472] Evans received a Fulbright Scholarship to work with Martin Orne at Harvard in 1963, and Thorn would later continue work with Evans and Eysenck. She would also engage in research financed by the Australian Branch of the British Psychological Society with assistance from Eysenck at ANU, before travelling over to Maudsley to begin research with Eysenck himself.[473]

Chelmsford Private Hospital

Barnett claims that a network, composed of famous actors, celebrities, judges, politicians and other high-flyers, has infiltrated all the key organizations and institutions in Australia, just as in the US and Britain. She asserts that Australia harboured a large number of Nazi war criminals, including her own step-grandparents. She also recalls being at Bohemian Grove. Among those who Barnett claims sexually assaulted, raped and tortured her, were former Australian Prime Ministers Gough Whitlam, Bob Hawke and Paul Keating, as well as Richard Nixon, Billy Graham and Ted Turner.[474] Barnett claims she was used as a human guinea pig, subjected to child rape, electrocution and torture at locations including Pine Gap, Holsworthy Army Base and Lucas Heights nuclear reactor, as part of the JASON Project by MK-Ultra doctors John Gittinger and Dr. Antony Kidman, the father of actress Nicole Kidman, with the full knowledge and approval of the Australian Government.[475]

Fiona Barnett's first mind control perpetrator, Nazi Doctor, Leonas Petrauskas, had connections to Dr. Harry Bailey. Petrauskas lived in Engadine, NSW and operated the local medical center at the time of Fiona's abuse. Fiona Barnett was told by a fellow abuse survivor of Dr. Petrauskas that he referred her for deep sleep treatment with Harry Bailey at the notorious Chelmsford private hospital, which has reported links to Dr. Ewan Cameron's experiments in Canada.[476] Dr Eric Cunningham Dax, the leading figure of Australian psychiatry, described Bailey's strange charisma: "Harry Bailey, if he had gone into some obscure and religious sect in America, if you like, could have had a following. What with his figure and his brilliance and so on, he could have had a great following."[477] In reference to his Tulane University psychosurgery experiments with contractor to MK-Ultra Subproject 68, Dr. Robert Heath, Bailey remarked, "It was cheaper to use Niggers than cats, because they were everywhere, and they were cheap experimental animals."[478] Bailey, like most Australian doctors connected to MK-Ultra, graduated from the University of Sydney, and in 1954 he received a World Health Organization fellowship to study the methods of Ewen Cameron and William Sargant.

After Bailey returning from overseas, Bailey kept in contact with Sargant, and would head the newly created Cerebral Surgery and

Research Unit at Callan Park Psychiatric Hospital. After his appointment, the *Sydney Sunday* tabloid declared in September 1957, “Human guinea pigs in test: A Sydney mental specialist and 15 other volunteers deliberately sent themselves temporarily insane in recent mental research tests.” Bailey and his colleagues had taken mescaline and LSD, all in the name of raising hope for “mental cases,” with which they hoped to trace the section of the brain which is affected by schizophrenia.[479]

In 1963, Bailey also founded the Chelmsford Private Hospital, which used hypnotic drugs, ECT and DST, mostly experimentally and without informed consent. All doctors at Chelmsford, including Bailey, had previously been involved with work at the Crown Street Hospital for Women in Sydney. There they were involved in a eugenics program of forced adoption away from “unfit” mothers, where Bailey had helped to introduce methods of using hypnotic drugs to make them comply. He directly ordered the abortion of twin fetuses without a woman’s consent while she was under the influence of these drugs. 64% of unwed mothers had their babies taken at Crown Street.[480] At Chelmsford that he would seduce vulnerable patients, as young as 18, then encourage the patients into signing their wills over to him. This was the case with Sharon Hamilton, a Chelmsford victim, whose $100,000 estate went straight to Bailey after her suicide.[481] Bailey ultimately ended the lives of at least 28 patients at Chelmsford with his ECT, DST and drug experiments. He eventually committed suicide by overdosing on barbiturates in 1985, while under investigation.[482]

Barnett tells how Petrauskas was instrumental in introducing her to Antony Kidman, who attended Sydney University at the same time as Petrauskas.[483] Kidman, was also studying psychology at Sydney during Orne’s experiment and lectureship.[484] He would go on to study at the University of Pennsylvania, but instead with Dr. Aaron Tim Beck, the father of Clinical Psychology and an advisory board member of the False Memory Syndrome Foundation. It was there Kidman became a longtime colleague of Dr. Martin Seligman, a man whose career research has been made the core of the CIA’s torture program.[485] Kidman returned to Australia in 1972 after years of

work at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington D.C., in the Laboratory of Preclinical Pharmacology, which was involved with LSD research and served as a hub of the Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Research Program. Both Prof. Jacqueline Goodnow, who specialized in Personality Research and Child Psychology, and John Gittinger had also performed research at the hospital. A year later, Sidney Gottleib fled to Australia and disappeared without a trace. Jacqueline was married to Dr. Robert E. Goodnow, a CIA psychologist who founded Psychological Assessments Associates (PAA) with Gittinger. As President of PAA, Goodnow made huge contributions to the hidden research of Gittinger's "Personality Assessment System."[486]

In *Batman Forever* (1995), produced by Tim Burton and directed by Joel Schumacher, Nicole Kidman plaid Dr. Chase Meridian, a psychologist specializing in multiple personality disorders and recovering repressed memories. She diagnoses Two Face (Tommy Lee Jones) and Riddles (Jim Carrey" as suffering from the condition, and suggests to Bruce Wayne that he may be suffering the same, a symptom that she herself seems to suffer as she becomes attracted to Batman and Wayne in different ways. When Meridian and Batman meet, they discuss the option of reasoning with Two Face to release innocent hostages, but Meridian concludes that it's futile, as "he will slaughter them without thinking twice." Batman begins to explain that a "trauma strong enough to create an alternative personality leaves the victim…," and Meridian interrupts to finish by saying "…in a world where normal rules of right and wrong no longer apply."

Liz Mullinar, casting director in the Australian film industry, who is credited with Nicole's international success, is the founder of Heal for Life, Australia's leading Satanic Ritual Abuse clinic. Mullinar claims to have been a victim of a pedophile ring and alleges her father, the Reverend Stephan Hopkinson, a notable and highly respected figure in the UK, was responsible. Mullinar left film and television industry to form the Australian Association for Recovered Memories in 1995. In 1997, she co-founded the Mayumarri Healing Centre (now Heal For Life Foundation) with husband Rodney Phillips to provide a safe location where survivors of child abuse could recover from their ordeal. In 1999, Nicole Kidman starred in Stanley

Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut," with Scientologist Tom Cruise, which depicts an elite sex-cult that engages in Satanic rituals.

Order of Hubertus

Barnett claims that she and satanic ritual abuse (SRA) survivor David Shurter were trafficked to Bohemian Grove as children. In *Rabbit Hole: A Satanic Ritual Abuse Survivor's Story*, Shurter claims that his parents were part of a Devil-worshipping network associated with some of Omaha's elite involved in the Franklin scandal. In particular, Shurter ranks former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia as "one of the top three worst" pedophiles who abused him throughout his youth.[487] In particular, Shurter ranks former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia as "one of the top three worst" pedophiles who abused him throughout his youth.[488]

In fact, Shurter claims that Scalia was murdered at Cibolo Creek Ranch in West Texas by a thirteen year-old boy who slit his throat when he had tried to molest him.[489] The International Order of St. Hubertus gained media attention in February 2016, when Scalia died while staying at Cibolo Creek Ranch, which was owned by members of the order. The order was founded in 1695 by Count Franz Anton von Sporck, who brought together noble hunters from Austria, Bohemia, and other countries throughout the Habsburg Empire. In 1726, Sporck also established a Masonic lodge in Prague.[490] As reported in the *Washington Post*, the order's U.S. chapter launched in 1966 at the Bohemian Club in San Francisco, which was responsible for establishing Bohemian Grove.[491] The group's Grand Master is "His Imperial Highness Istvan von Habsburg-Lothringen, Archduke of Austria.

Cibolo Creek Ranch owner John Poindexter and C. Allen Foster, a prominent Washington lawyer who traveled to the ranch with Scalia by private plane, hold leadership positions within the Order of Hubertus. It has been used in modern times for hunting and a shooting location for the movie industry. *Giant* was shot there in 1956. It was used as a location for *The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada* in 2005, followed by *There Will Be Blood* and *No Country for Old Men* in 2007. The wedding of country music singer Charlie

Robison and Emily Robison of the Dixie Chicks was held at the ranch in 1999. Other notable guests have included Jerry Hall, Mick Jagger, Tommy Lee Jones, Randy Quaid, Julia Roberts, and Bruce Willis.[492]

When a Texas justice of the peace certified that Scallia had died from natural causes, according to the *New York Times*, questions immediately erupted. No autopsy had been performed, and the certification had been made without even an examination of the body. Texas officials said they had obeyed the wishes of the Scalia family.[493] "We discovered the judge in bed, a pillow over his head. His bedclothes were unwrinkled," reported John Poindexter, the owner of the Cibolo Creek Ranch.[494]

"I wish it was natural causes," Alex Jones said of Scalia's death in February 2016. "But my gut tells me no. If this is an assassination, it signifies that they're dropping the hammer. That's the canary in the coal mine."[495] Jones suggested Clarence Thomas could die of a "heart attack next week," because Obama is on a crusade to fortify the New World Order. Jones also said that Scalia had told Matt Drudge that government officials are leading a charge to come after journalists like themselves. "Maybe they'll kill Ron Paul. Maybe they'll kill Donald Trump next," Jones observed.[496] "It's a horrible topic, but they say they found a pillow on his face, which is a pretty unusual place to find a pillow. I can't give you an answer," Trump said in an interview on *The Savage Nation*, hosted by Michael Savage, a former friend of Allen Ginsberg, but now a conservative commentator.

Whitlam Coup

SRA survivor Fiona Barnett named media tycoon Kerry Packer—a close friend of Rupert Murdoch and a business associate of Lord Jacob Rothschild—as part of a VIP pedophile ring of Satanic ritual abuse and international child trafficking. The Packer family's company owned a controlling interest in both the Nine television network and leading Australian publishing company Australian Consolidated Press, which were later merged to form Publishing and Broadcasting Limited (PBL).

On 4 January 1973, when Nixon and Kissinger grew increasingly concerned about Whitlam's criticism of American foreign policy, a representative of Sir Frank Packer, the father of Kerry, and then managing director and major shareholder of Australian Consolidated Press, sent a memo to Nixon "to express to you (Nixon) his (Packer's) personal support and that of his magazines and his television network."[497] In 1989, Kerry Packer took over Australia's biggest engineering group, Australian National Industries, and teamed up with Sir James Goldsmith and Lord Rothschild to buy into Rank Hovis McDougall in Britain.[498]

Murdoch's longtime business partner Peter Abeles has been accused of being an associate of Abe Saffron, one of the major figures in Australian organized crime in the latter half of the twentieth century, and of being involved in drug trafficking with the CIA's Nugan Hand Bank. [499] According to Alfred W. McCoy, author of *The Politics of Heroin: CIA Complicity In The Drug Trade*, Safron and New South Wales government led by Sir Robert Askin regularly had dinner together at the Bourbon and Beefsteak Bar and Restaurant, owned by American expatriate Bernie Houghton, one of the founding partner of Nugan Hand.[500] Nugan Hand's contact was the CIA's Ted Shackley, who dealt directly with Hand and Houghton. In 1979, the Iran-Contra affair's Richard Secord had introduced Houghton to Shackley's associate Thomas G. Clines, leading to a deal with Shackley's support of to sell Philippine jeeps to Egypt. Shortly after Frank Nugan's death in January 1980, Clines and Rafael Quintero went through a bag of Houghton's documents which he had left at Edwin Wilson's Geneva office aiming to keep Secord's name out of the investigation.[501] Allan Parks, a former air force colonel, adds that Houghton was also connected to General John K. Singlaub.[502]

Houghton was connected in some way to a John D. Walker, who was the CIA Station Chief in Australia during the government of Gough Whitlam, a Labor Party leader who was elected Prime Minister in 1972. When Whitlam's government proposed a number of progressive policies, and withdrawing troops from Vietnam, support for Palestinian right, and threatened to shutdown of Pine Gap, Shackley determined that Whitlam was a security risk. On October 1974, Ray Cline, Deputy Director of Intelligence, began to implement

Director of Central Intelligence William Colby's plan to oust Whitlam. A slush fund was set up to pass funds through the Nugan Hand Bank to pass funds to both opposition parties. In addition to the slush fund, the CIA created a series of forged documents implicating high-ranking members of the Labour Party in a succession of scandals, which was publicized by Murdoch's media empire. In 1981, CIA contract agent Joseph Flynn, admitted that he had forged the documents at the behest of Michael Hand.[503]

As the contrived scandals escalated, a state of emergency was declared. On 11 November 1975, the day Whitlam was to inform parliament about the secret CIA presence in Australia, he was summoned by the governor-general of Australia, Sir John Kerr, whom the CIA referred as "our man Kerr." Invoking "reserve powers," Kerr dismissed Whitlam, at the climax of the Australian constitutional crisis. Whitlam remains the only Australian prime minister to have his commission terminated in that manner.[504]

News Corporation

Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation offered vigorous support for Whitlam's overthrow. In November 1974, Kerr met with Murdoch at Cavan, his farm near Canberra. Kerr explained to Murdoch the problems Whitlam might have with Supply if his hold on the Senate weakened and Kerr shared the details of his reserve power.[505] A 1975 diplomatic report from the US consul-general in Melbourne, Robert Brand, reported to the state department that "Rupert Murdoch has issued [a] confidential instruction to editors of newspapers he controls to 'Kill Whitlam'."[506]

Murdoch has a long history of lending the weight of his media empire to the service of propaganda for CIA covert operations, beginning with the silent coup against the government of Cough Whitlam in 1975. Murdoch was connected the activities of the Secret Team, particularly through its connections to the CIA's Nugan Hand and the US Navy's super-secret Task Force 157, which was organized by Henry Kissinger.[507] Although some records relating to Murdoch remain classified, several documents that have been released indicate that he and billionaire Scaife were considered

sources of financial and other support for President Ronald Reagan's hard-line Central American policies, including the CIA's covert war in Nicaragua.[508]

Cohn teamed up with his law partner Tom Bolan, a CNP member and Knight of Malta, was New York co-chairman for finance of Reagan's presidential campaigns. Bolan was a partner with Cohn in Saxe, Bacon and Bolan, headed the leading Conservative Party club in Manhattan, and was a top advisor to Senator Alfonse D'Amato, a Republican who ran with Conservative support. Reagan appointed Bolan, who had extensive ties to the Vatican, to greet Pope John Paul II when he stopped off in Alaska after visiting the Philippines in 1981.[509] In the early 1980s, Cohn and Bolan's firm represented Michele Sindona, the mafia and P2-connected head of the Vatican Bank.

Cohn first introduced Murdoch to President Ronald Reagan in 1983. "I had one interest when Tom [Bolan] and I first brought Rupert Murdoch and Governor Reagan together – and that was that at least one major publisher in this country… would become and remain pro-Reagan," Cohn wrote in a Jan. 27, 1983, letter to senior White House aides. The letter noted that Murdoch then owned the "New York Post – over one million, third largest and largest afternoon; New York Magazine; Village Voice; San Antonio Express; Houston Ring papers; and now the Boston Herald; and internationally influential London Times, etc." Cohn sent the letter nine days after Murdoch met Reagan in the Oval Office along with Cohn, his legal partner Thomas Bolan, and U.S. Information Agency Director Charles Wick. According to Cohn, "Mr. Murdoch has performed to the limit up through and including today." Michael McManus, the Deputy Assistant to the President, responded to Cohn to share their "high regard" for Murdoch" and the appreciation they had for the "importance of what he is doing."[510]

As the Reagan administration struggled to manage public perceptions, CIA Director William Casey spearheaded a communications and private funding plan to sell Reagan's Central American policies, and dispatched one of the CIA's top covert action specialists, Walter Raymond Jr., to the National Security Council to oversee the project. Casey convened a meeting of Reagan

administration officials and five leading ad executives to brainstorm ideas. The results from the discussions were summed up in an Aug. 9, 1983, memo written by Raymond to Charles Wick, which noted that “via Murdock [sic] may be able to draw down added funds” to support pro-Reagan initiatives. In line with the clandestine nature of the operation, Raymond also suggested routing the “funding via Freedom House or some other structure that has credibility in the political center.”[511]

In 1999, Bolan would represent Martin R. Frankel, who had used Bolan’s connections to the Vatican as part of a scheme to dupe investors. Frankel used astrology to make financial trading decisions, and maintained a cult-like compound in Greenwich which included sadomasochism and group sex. Frankel required several of his female employees to sign “sex slave” contracts, and to assist him in his “special projects” designed to satisfy his “deviant sexual desires,” which included two teenage girls he had brought in from Russia.[512] Frankel’s scheme involved donating $55 million to the Vatican for a charitable foundation, the Vatican keeping $5 million and allowing Frankel to retain control over the remaining $50 million. Through Bolan, Frankel was introduced to Monsignor Emilio Colagiovanni, a senior member of the Vatican, who helped propose the insurance fraud scheme to senior Vatican officials. He was caught in 1999, and in 2004 was sentenced to 200 months in prison based on over $200 million in proven losses to insurance companies he bought then looted.

8. Sex, Lies & Wiretaps

This is Sparta!

Kay Griggs, the wife of Colonel Griggs, a Marine Corps Chief of Staff, as well as head of NATO's Psychological Operations, in an 8-hour interview conducted by Pastor Rick Strawcutter in 1998, which detailed the involvement of her husband, former U.S. Marines Chief of Staff Col. George Griggs, in military assassination squads, drug running, illegal weapons trading and sexual perversion deep within the highest levels of the U.S. government, stated that he was very close to Edwin Wilson, Iran-Contra operator and leading member of Ted Shackley's Secret Team, and the JFK Operation 40 assassination team. According to his CIA partner Frank Terpil, Wilson ran a CIA-directed sexual blackmailing pedophile ring, of the kind which were intensive in Washington at about the time of the Watergate scandal. According to John DeCamp, author of *The Franklin Cover-Up*, Wilson's operation was merely a continuation of the one set up by Roy Cohn during the McCarthy era with Lewis Rosenstiel and J. Edgar Hoover.

According to Griggs, homosexuality is a systemic aspect of the American military. In *The Western Way of War:* Infantry *Battle in Classical Greece* by American military historian and member of the Philadelphia Society, Victor Davis Hanson, asserts that, "the Spartan tradition of military heroism has also been explained in light of strong emotional bonds resulting from homosexual relationships."[513] Hanson is best known for his 2001 book *Carnage and Culture*, which became a bestseller in the wake of 9/11, for arguing that the military dominance of Western Civilization, beginning with the ancient Greeks, is the result of a specific set of policies and values. Hanson, who first supported the neoconservatives, before recently coming out in support of Donald Trump, has been a commentator on conservative media outlets such as *National Review* and *The Washington Times*.

According to Hanson, Western values such as political freedom, capitalism, individualism, democracy, scientific inquiry, rationalism, and open debate form an especially lethal combination when applied to warfare. Non-western societies can win the occasional battle when, writes Hanson, but the "Western way of war," which he regards as unequalled in its devastation and decisiveness, will prevail in the long run.

Hanson, in "Oliver Stone perpetuates a classical myth" for the *National Review*, criticizes Oliver Stone's movie about Alexander the Great for its exaggerated use of homosexual content. But Hanson is critical of the film not because he believes it was historically inaccurate, but because it failed to acknowledge the age-old dichotomy between effeminate homosexuality and the more masculine homosexuality that would have characterized the Greek armies.[514] According to Hanson, Stone falsely depicts the kind of homosexuals who are regarded as opting for a lifestyle choice in modern Western culture, and who would have been derided by the ancient Greeks as "pathics" and "catamites" as preferring passive relations, choosing not marry or have children, and manifesting open signs of femininity. Rather, Hanson offers a comparison to the type of homosexuality adopted in the US military:

> Our closest modern American notion relative to the sex practices of either ancient sophisticates or ancient randy soldiers might be characterized not as omnivorous pedophilia per se, but as a subset of pederasty: the sexual attraction toward young boys of older men, often otherwise "heterosexual," who seem both indifferent to men their own age and yet not interested in being a passive actor in sexual congress with youths.

Accordingly, a grossly styled and exaggerated version of Spartan martial prowess was depicted in the 2006 film *300*, which recounts of the Battle of Thermopylae, where King Leonidas leads 300 Spartans into battle against the Persian Xerxes and his invading army of more than 300,000 soldiers, apparently saving Western democracy from Eastern barbarism. The movie has been criticized

as covert propaganda to support the neoconservative agenda against Iran, the modern name for Persia. Roger Moore, a critic for the Orlando Sentinel, relates *300* to Susan Sontag's definition of "fascist art."[515] *300* was based on the 1998 comic series of the same name by Frank Miller and Lynn Varley. Miller also wrote *Holy Terror* which follows a superhero named The Fixer as he battles Islamic terrorists after an attack on Empire City. The novel was originally proposed as *Holy Terror, Batman!*, which as Miller confessed, was to serve as a "piece of propaganda" in which Batman "kicks Al-Qaeda's ass."[516]

Despite the movie's over-the-top machismo, the truth is the 300 Spartan warriors at Thermopylae were homosexual couples. This would explain the movie's distorted portrayal of masculinity, and instead, is overtly homoerotic. According to Alexander Abad-Santos in "Why Gay Guys Love the '300' Movies," for *The Atlantic*, "300 and its sequel 300: Rise of an Empire have hit the sweet spot in American culture, occupying the coveted space where straight dude-bros, neocons, and flagrant homosexual men meet." The movie, claims Abad-Santos, provides homosexual audiences "one of the guiltiest of pleasures." Abad-Santos adds, "And there's something funny in the thought that in theaters all throughout America, legions of straight men will be cramming into theaters to watch all of this homoeroticism — whether they're aware or not."[517]

Cherry Marines

Also among Kay Grigg's husband's associates, in addition to Wilson, were James R. Joy US Marine Corps, and General John J. Sheehan Marine Corps, who were initiated "cherry marines," and given the task of indoctrinating new recruits for a wide range of useful purposes. Claims of homosexual abuse have been corroborated by former Marines, who complained of being raped as a means of initiation into their squad, especially at the infamous Paris Island, which has been repeatedly reprimanded by for its brutal hazing practices.[518] Michael Scarce, a gay men's health advocate, explains that, "Sometimes the culture of same-sex military rape is perpetuated under the institutionalized guise of combat training."[519]

Through many drunken conversations with her husband, Griggs gained intimate knowledge of the true nature of leadership training, drug-running and weapons sales, and the secret worldwide network that train professional assassins. The CIA she said, played a minor role. It was all run by NATO and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), who also run Gladio, in cooperation with the Mafia and Kabbalistic Zionists, who have been perpetuating the power of Nazi Germany within the US since Operation Paperclip. As a result, they have inherited what she refers to as the "German disease."

Griggs has listed CIA director Allen Dulles, CIA director William Colby, CIA deputy director Frank Carlucci, Reagan's secretary of state George Shultz and George H. Bush's secretary of state James Baker among the civilian Princeton sex party associates of her husband, all key participants in the Iran-Contra Operation and the funding of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan.[520] Kay Griggs' husband had attended Princeton's Hun School with Prince Turki al Faisal, who would later become head of Saudi intelligence, and closely involved in funding the Mujahideen in Afghanistan on behalf of the CIA. Alexander Robinson, who in the 1950s was the assistant headmaster of the school, and had a Marine Corps background, was responsible for bringing in the Saudis, and organized pedophile homosexual games with the children, including with Griggs and the Saudis.

According to Griggs, also involved in her husband's "sexual perversion" network, along with generals Alfred M. Gray Jr. and John J. Sheehan, was General Carl Stiner, the commander of Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) at Fort Bragg from 1984 to 1987, and the commander in chief of United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). After his retirement, Stiner became chairman of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, whose board of advisers included Frank Carlucci, Senator John McCain, Sam Nunn and General Edward C. Meyer on the board of advisors.[521]

George Town Club

Frank Terpil explained to James Hougan, author of *Secret Agenda*, that "Historically, one of Wilson's CIA jobs was to subvert members of both houses [of Congress] by any means necessary… Certain people could be easily coerced by living out their sexual fantasy in the flesh."[522] In 1980, Colonel Cutolo wrote an affidavit claiming that Wilson ran large-scale surveillance operations in order to receive an advance warning of anyone trying to leak information about CIA drug trafficking operations. Electronic surveillance had been put in place against a number of Senators and Congressmen, numerous police officials, judicial figures and the Catholic cathedrals of New York and Boston. Wilson was also accused of selling the sensitive information he had acquired to companies that were part of the military-industrial complex, which they in turn used as leverage against Washington politicians to score contracts.[523]

Terpil also told Hougan that Wilson's base of operations for arranging compromising situations was the George Town Club, founded by trained Korean CIA officer Tong Sun Park. According to Susan Trento, to pay the enormous costs of subsidizing the George Town Club, Park used money derived from his connections to the South Korean government and the KCIA, to bribe influential members of Congress.[524] Park, who had a reputation as the "Asian Great Gatsby," was involved in two political money-related scandals: Koreagate in the 1970s, and the Oil-for-Food Program scandal of the 2000s.[525] In 1970, South Korean President Park Chung Hee—who was brought to power by Unification Church founder and head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA), Kim Chong Pil—and his aides set up a board in Seoul to coordinate US lobbying by Park and others, which included giving money to more than two dozen congressmen.[526] In 1976, Park was charged with bribing members of Congress, in a successful effort to convince the United States government to keep United States troops in South Korea. In 1977, he was indicted by a U.S. District Court on thirty-six counts, including bribery, illegal campaign contributions, mail fraud, racketeering, and failure to register as an agent of the KCIA.

Richard Viguerie, one of the founders of the Moral Majority, was also a member of the George Town Club. During Koreagate, Viguerie had been involved with Tong Sun Park and the Korean CIA.

Viguerie was paid nearly a million dollars for a direct-mail campaign on behalf of the Koreans. In 1979, shortly after he retired from the CIA, Ted Schackley's associate Tom Clines moved the offices of EATSCO to 7777 Leesburg Pike, as tenants of Viguerie. "The reality is that 7777 Leesburg Pike became the headquarters for the private CIA," said former Cappucci employee Mike Pilgrim.[527] According to Joseph Trento, "The connection between the right-wing elements of the Republican Party and Shackley's associates would be the hallmark of private intelligence operations throughout the Reagan and Bush administrations. Instead of working through CIA stations abroad, the spying and covert operations would be done through conservative political organizations around the world."[528]

Park founded the George Town Club with high-powered Washington lobbyist, Robert Keith Gray, whom John DeCamp asserted was a specialist in homosexual blackmail operations for the CIA and was reported to have collaborated with Roy Cohn. Gray was the chairman and CEO of Hill & Knowlton, one of the two biggest public relations firms in the world, with such blue-chip clients such as AT&T, IBM, Xerox, and DuPont. CBS's *60 Minutes* has called Hill & Knowlton "by far, the biggest, most influential PR firm in Washington," adding that "critics accuse them of being an unelected shadow government." According to the *Washington Post*, Gray was "one of the most sought-after lobbyists in Washington" and a *Post* reporter once called him "a kind of legend in this town, …the man in the black tuxedo with snow-white hair and a smile like a diamond."[529]

Gray's book, *18 Acres Under Glass*, which became number-four on *The Times* best-seller list, highlighted the demands on both his political and social life as the Secretary of the Cabinet under President Dwight D. Eisenhower, with tales of the visits with kings and queens. Gray was featured in cover stories in *Time* Magazine and *U.S. News and World Report*, named Marketer of the year by *AdWeek Magazine*, and was the subject of a fifteen-minute *Monitor* program on NBC. Gray played a role in his friend Ronald Reagan's 1976 presidential campaign, and in 1980 he was deputy director of communications reporting directly to Bill Casey, contributing also to October Surprise. Gray described in *Newsweek*

as often having “boasted of his close relationship with the CIA’s William Casey. Gray used to say that before taking on a foreign client, he would clear it with CIA direct Bill Casey.”[530]

Together with ASC strategy board member General Robert Richardson, Gray also served on the board of Consultants International, one of Wilson’s front companies.[531] Gray, according to Wilson, was already in possession of security clearances, making the appointment possible. Shackley had first gotten to know Gray through Anna Chennault, the widow of General Claire Chennault, the founder of Air America, and an associate of Tong Sun Park.[532] Though Gray attempted to distance himself from Wilson after he was caught illegally selling weapons to Libya in 1983, a Navy review of Wilson’s intelligence career, unearthed by journalist Peter Maas, reported that Gray described Wilson as a man of “unqualified trust” and that Gray and Wilson had been in professional contact “two or three times a month” as early as 1963.[533]

Gray, explained Joseph Trento, was typical of the powerful Washington lobbyists and public relations executives whom the CIA and Shackley had exploited for years. Gray’s personal secret that made them vulnerable to requests from the intelligence community, it was a secret history of homosexuality.[534] Gray was investigated in 1982 by a House Ethics Committee concerning allegations of “using drugs and sexual activity to lobby Congressman.”[535] Two members of the Committee were assigned to interview Carl Shuffler, a Washington police detective, who reported of a male-prostitution service on Capitol Hill, which he believed was linked to Gray, involving sex, drugs and the pages in the House of Representatives, and to organized-crime figure Joe Nesline.[536]

Notable clients of Gray & Company, which Gray established in 1981 after leaving Hill & Knowlton, included Saudi billionaire and Iran-Contra arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi, the government of Haiti under Duvalier, American, the Teamsters Union, and Reverend Moon. Gray also joined the board of the board of BCCI after its acquisition of First American Bank. Another client included commodities trader and financier Marc Rich, who in 1983 was indicted for trading with Iran during the hostage crisis and a variety of

other charges, fled the country, and was later granted a pardon by President Bill Clinton.[537]

According to an affidavit filed by Daniel Sheehan for the Christic Institute, when Edwin Meese, Vice President Bush, CIA director Bill Casey, national security adviser Robert McFarlane, and Oliver North were devising a strategy to circumvent Congress to arm the Contras, they turned to Gray & Company. In these meetings, this group also decided to have Robert Owen of the company offer cover to the CIA by setting up a private citizen-operated Contra support group to publicly solicit funds and assistance for the Contras. This public organization was set up by Owen by contacting Shackley associate General John K. Singlaub, who in turn set up the United States Council on World Freedom and began publicly raising funds for the Contras. Robert's older brother Dwight served in MACV-SOG with Singlaub. Robert claimed to have served as the personal representative to the Contras for North, acting privately as a go-between since North was legally prevented from meeting the Contras himself.[538]

Meese Commission

In her 1992 book, *The Power House: Robert Keith Gray and the Selling of Access and Influence in Washington*, Susan B. Trento, "tells how Mr. Gray, after unabashedly peddling access for decades, reached the apex of his influence."[539] Susan Trento writes that Gray was hired by *Playboy* and *Penthouse* to discredit the Pornography Commission led by his friend Attorney General Edwin Meese. In 1983, Meese asked Alfred S. Regnery to informally head the administration's anti-pornography campaign, when he was in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Alfred S. Regnery, the son of ASC member Henry Regnery, founder of Regnery Publishing, had been a college director of YAF. Early in his career, Alfred served as a Senate aide under President Reagan. Regnery became president of Regnery Publishing from 1986 to 2003. Alfred has also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) and as trustee of the Philadelphia Society.

In 1976, Alfred's wife, who was eight months pregnant at the time, told police that two men broke into her and forced her to have oral sex at knife-point, warning that her husband should drop out of the race for district attorney. The police investigation, though, concluded that she had fabricated the entire incident. Nevertheless, Regnery told a newspaper reporter, "that his wife had been raped by a white male and a black male and had been stabbed." Shortly after the alleged assault, the police searched Regnery's home and found a cache of pornography, including "several catalogues for various prophylactic devices and erotica." The police also reported finding "a book with numerous color photos of various sexual gratification, including oral sex and placing of objects into the vagina," a German sex magazine, and a copy of *Penthouse*. [540]

Judith Reisman, who has also extensively investigated the pernicious influence of Alfred Kinsey, was approved for a grant by the Department of Justice for a grant of $798,531, to undertake a "study at American University to determine whether *Playboy*, *Hustler* and other more explicit materials are linked to violence by juveniles."[541] By 1986, Reisman concluded her investigation and found "2,016 cartoons that included children apparently under the age of 17 and 3,988 other pictures, photographs and drawings that depict infants or youths."[542] The nature of Reisman's work and the concurrent Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, which would author the Meese Report in 1986, caused anxiety in the pornography industry. "Whatever the merits of her research," As Trento concluded, when support from the OJJDP was needed most, its leadership backed away from Reisman, leaving her project to fail and leaving Reisman feeling "bitter" and "helpless" after "spending years developing an expertise and doing what she thought was an excellent job in the public interest."[543]

AmeriCares

Hill & Knowlton came out in support of scandalized Catholic priest Bruce Ritter, director of Covenant House.[544] Covenant House is the largest privately funded agency in the Americas providing shelter, food, immediate crisis care, and an array of other services to

homeless and runaway youth. In 1984, Reagan praised Covenant House in his State of the Union address for their efforts in aiding homeless and runaway youth. In 1985, Ritter served on Meese's Commission on Pornography. In 1990, Ritter was forced to resign from Covenant House after widespread reports that he had engaged in sexual relations with several young boys in the care of the charity, and had engaged in financial improprieties in the operations of the organization. A report prepared for Covenant House by Kroll and Associates and the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore cited fifteen cases of reported sexual contacts between Ritter and youths sheltered at Covenant House or young adults working there as volunteer counselors in what was called the Faith Community.[545] It was one of the most widely publicized cases of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church, which was revealed to be widespread over the next two decades. Ritter also left the Franciscans but retained his priestly faculties.

The flagship Guatemalan mission of Covenant House was launched by a former business partner of Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza, Roberto Alejos Arzu, whose plantation had served as a training ground for the CIA's bungled Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. The *Village Voice* quoted Jean-Marie Simon, author of *Guatemala: Eternal Spring, Eternal Tyranny*: "It's like having Idi Amin on the board of Amnesty International."[546]

Ritter sat on the board of AmeriCares, a service organization implicated in channeling funds to the Contras. AmeriCares was founded with the help of the chairman Knights of Malta, CNP member, close friend to Pat Robertson and associated with Western Goals founder J. Peter Grace. Reagan appointed Grace, a member of the CFR, to lead the Grace Commission on waste and inefficiency in the Federal government. Grace's company, W.R. Grace & Company, stands out as the center of the SMOM in the United States, where no less than eight knights, including the chancellor of the order, John D. J. Moore, who was ambassador to Ireland under Nixon and Ford, have been its directors.[547] W.R. Grace was founded by Peter's grandfather, William Grace, who was a close associate of George de Mohrenschildt. Grace had been a key figure in in Operation Paperclip.[548] W.R. Grace had been accused in a

military report during the war of protecting Klaus Barbie.[549] J. Peter Grace had a long history of involvement with CIA-linked enterprises, such as Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe, which was the brainchild of Reinhard Gehlen.[550]

Also on the board were Zbigniew Brzezinski, Lawrence Eagleburger, members of the Bush family, Colin Powell, Richard Stilwell of the ASC and Le Cercle, ASC chairman Robert W. Galvin, and Sol M. Linowitz, the chairman of Xerox Corp. Linowitz was also a representative to the Organization of American States and co-founder in 1964 with David Rockefeller of the International Executive Services Corp, an international business development organization for which Linowitz and Rockefeller received the Medal of Freedom Award in 1998. Linowitz was also an officer of the World Future Society, where Barbara Marx Hubbard was a president, and Maurice Strong a director.

According to its own website, "On the ground, AmeriCares works through government ministries and welfare agencies of long-standing effectiveness like the Order of Malta, Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity, Adventist Development and Relief Agency International, HOPE Worldwide, Project Mercy, *Centres pour le Développement et la Santé* and Help The Afghan Children."[551] AmeriCares was founded and headed until 2002 by a college roommate of George H.W. Bush, Robert Macauley, the first non-Catholic to receive the coveted Cross of the Commander of the Order of Malta. In January 1990, AmeriCares and the German and Hungarian Knights of Malta funded the pro-Western factions immediately following the collapse of Romania's communist regime. The partnership frequently worked with the infamous CIA front company Southern Air Transport, formerly Air America. In Guatemala, AmeriCares and Knights of Malta joint activities were handled by Roberto Alejos Arzu. And during the war in Afghanistan, AmeriCares evacuated wounded *Mujahideen* to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington DC. AmeriCares also provided medical aid to the CIA-backed Contras of Nicaragua, through a program controlled by Oliver North.[552]

In May 1985, a joint effort between AmeriCares and Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcast Network (CBN), which was

considered one of the top private funders of the Contras, announced a $20 million relief campaign to send “humanitarian” supplies to Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. Some of the aid was to be distributed through Operation Blessing units in Central America, and also by the Knights of Malta. While en route to Honduras in a C-130 full of medical supplies, Robertson told a reporter in Miami that “some [of this aid] may get to the contras.”[553] CBN News Director James Whelan is a former editor of the *Washington Times*, which is owned by Reverend Moon’s Unification Church.

On January 13, 1988, seven days before he left the office of the President, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta presented its highest honor, the Collar of the Order of Merit, to Ronald Reagan at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, where he congratulated the order for its charitable work through AmeriCares and its president Bob Macauley. This was the first time that an American President had been offered and accepted an award from the Knights of Malta. It was also the first visit to the United States of the Knights Grand Master, who holds the rank of Prince and Cardinal of the Catholic Church, in the 900 years of the Order’s history.

During his remarks, Reagan congratulated the members of the Order, which he said, “speaks to the entire ebb and flow of Western civilization, and its noble present, which is a monument to the highest values of free men and women.” And, he then provided a Christian guise to his neoliberal principles, calling on the audience to help America in the debate against those who argue that “taxes are too low and government is too small,” by advancing the cause of private charity, to avoid the pitfalls of the “welfare state” which has robbed the poor of “the moral strength that has always given the poor the determination to climb America’s ladder of opportunity.”[554]

Boys Town

Robert Keith Gray was said to be the “closest friend in Washington” to *Omaha World-Herald* publisher Harold Andersen, who was implicated in the pedophile ring of the Franklin Scandal of Omaha, Nebraska. The Franklin Scandal was only one aspect of a much larger “call boy” operation moving children and teenagers,

picked up from Boys Town, Catholic orphanages and off the streets, and housed in Washington and New York primarily. Boys Town was founded in Omaha by Father Edward Flanagan of Ireland in 1917. Boys Town became so well regarded that Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney starred in the 1938 movie *Boys Town*, turning Father Flanagan into a living legend. Flanagan was internationally renowned as "the world's most foremost expert on boys' training and youth care." When World War II ended in 1945, President and Freemason Harry S. Truman asked Flanagan to tour Asia and Europe in order to help homeless and neglected children.[555] In the ending of *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace* (1987), Superman places the villain Lex Luthor's nephew Lenny in Boys Town, informing the priest that Lenny has been under a bad influence, and returns Lex to prison.

The Franklin Scandal implicated the Michael Aquino of the Temple of Set.[556] At the time of his membership in LaVey's Church of Satan, Aquino was an Army specialist in intelligence and psychological warfare. Aquino became implicated in the abduction and ritual sexual abuse of children nationwide through pedophilia rings, grabbing headlines which persisted throughout the 1980s. Connected to the highest levels of American society, including the military, it particularly targeted daycare centers on such military bases as Fort Bragg and the Presidio. *The New Religious Movements* by Eugene V. Gallagher relates that Aquino became embroiled in several controversies starting in 1986. He and his wife Lilith were implicated in suspicions of child molestation at the day care center at the Presidio Army base in San Francisco, but were never charged.[557]

In 1994, Aquino sued Linda Blood, a former member of the Temple of Set, for libel in her book *The New Satanist*, which made claims that the temple was part of the nation-wide Satanic conspiracy that was molesting children and committing murders. The book depicted Aquino and his followers as "pedophiles, child abusers, murderers and the masterminds behind a nationwide satanic conspiracy."[558] The case was settled out of court, with details of the settlement kept confidential.

The Franklin child prostitution ring allegations took place between 1988 and 1991 and involved an alleged child sex-ring serving prominent citizens of Nebraska, as well as high-level U.S. politicians. The allegations centered on the actions of Lawrence E. King Jr., who ran the now defunct Franklin Community Federal Credit Union (FCFCU) in Omaha, Nebraska, which catered to the local African-American community. King sang the National Anthem at the Republican convention in 1984 and described as the fastest rising African-American star in the Republican Party. He had a townhouse in Washington, DC, where he threw parties with many prominent guests. In August 1988, he threw a $100,000 party at the Republican convention, and appeared in a video in which he and Jack Kemp urged blacks to vote for George H.W. Bush.[559]

Court documents and the book by DeCamp, who served as an attorney of Paul Bonacci, one of the victims, state that King organized groups of children to sexually blackmail and compromise politicians and businessmen, and that King had political ties that reached the presidency of the United States. The allegations also claimed that the alleged sex ring was led by a cult of devil worshipers involved in the mutilation, sacrifice and cannibalism of numerous children.

Bonacci, who suffers from Multiple Personality Disorder (now called Dissociative Identity Disorder), stated that as a youth, he had been transported across the US, when he was forced to “scavenge” for children to be a part of the defendant King’s sexual abuse and pornography, to have sex with various people, to deliver drugs and participate in satanic snuff films, where Larry King was present. He identified the Bohemian Grove in Northern California as the location of a satanic murder, and he had inside-knowledge about many satanic ritual abuse cases around the country at which he claimed to have been present. Bonacci has stated that he was flown to Europe aboard planes at Omaha’s Offutt Air Force Base of the Strategic Air Command, which is tied to the NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.[560]

Noreen Gosch, mother of Johnny Gosch who was kidnapped when he was 12, testified at Bonacci’s hearing on his behalf on February 5, 1999, in the civil lawsuit against King. Gosch was

responsible for the passage of legislation on behalf of missing children, and due to her efforts, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children was created. She carried out her own investigation about her son's disappearance over the years and observed at this hearing that if the FBI had actually done their job in her case, it would have "opened up the biggest scandal in the United States, bigger than the Iran-Contra story."[561] Bonacci gave information to Gosch about the kidnapping of her son, and admitted to participating in his kidnapping.

Gosch claimed her son, Johnny, visited her in March of 1997 and told her the exact same story Bonacci had, and asked her to make these claims public. He said kidnapped children and others were being used by professional pedophiles and some of those children were victims of mind control. In Gosch's book, *Why Johnny Can't Come Home*, she wrote that he and three others claimed that Lt. Col. Michael Aquino, founder of the Temple of Set, was involved in Johnny's kidnapping. Gosch stated the following in the court hearing:

> There was a man by the name of Michael Aquino. He was in the military. He had top Pentagon clearance. He was a pedophile. He was a Satanist. He's founded the Temple of Set. And he was also a very close friend of Anton LaVey. The two of them were very active in ritualistic sexual abuse. And they deferred funding from this government program to use this experimentation upon children… where they deliberately split off the personalities of these children into multiples so that when they're questioned or put under oath or questioned under lie detector, that unless the operator knows how to question a multiple personality disorder, they turn up with no evidence.
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> They use these kids to sexually compromise politicians or anyone else they wish to have control of… they were taken to be used by professional pedophiles. People that have the money to buy what they want, take the kids wherever they want… and by splitting the children's personalities they could then train each one of the personalities to do a different function.

> And the rest of the personalities within that host personality would not be aware of it or remember it.[562]

Bonacci was also pimped by Roy Cohn's good friend Craig Spence, a close associate of Larry King, who was hosting parties attended by, among others, journalists Eric Sevareid, Ted Koppel and William Safire; former CIA Director William Casey; the late John Mitchell, attorney general in the Nixon administration; conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly; Ambassador James Lilley; General Alfred Gray, the commandant of the Marine Corps; and Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor-in-chief of *The Washingon Times*.[563]

Spence, who often boasted of working for the CIA, bugged his parties and added a two-way mirror to compromise guests, provided cocaine, blackmailed some associates and spent up to $20,000 a month on male prostitutes, according to friends, acquaintances and records.[564] However, Spence's name came to national attention following a June 28, 1989 article in the *Washington Times*, which discovered that he arranged at least four midnight tours of the White House, on which he took with him then fifteen-year-old foster child prostitute Paul Bonacci whom he falsely identified as his son. *The Washington Times* reported that "Mr. Spence hinted the tours were arranged by 'top level' persons," including Donald Gregg, national security adviser to Vice President George H.W. Bush.[565] When pressed to identify who it was who got him inside the White House, Spence asked "Who was it who got Félix Rodríguez in to see Bush?" alluding to Gregg.[566]

A few months before his death, Spence hinted at being involved in still worse crimes. "All this stuff you've uncovered (involving call boys, bribery and the White House tours), to be honest with you, is insignificant compared to other things I've done. But I'm not going to tell you those things, and somehow the world will carry on."[567] According to his business associate, Spence let him know in advance that the CIA might "doublecross him," and kill him instead "and then to make it look like a suicide." Within several months, Spence committed suicide while the records of the investigation were sealed.[568]

Bonacci named the same alleged abusers as other accusers, naming Larry King, then Omaha Police Chief Wadman, and Omaha World-Herald publisher Harold Andersen.[569] Bonacci also named seeing Alisha Owen at King's parties, and to have personally witnessed Wadman abusing her. Owen claimed to have impregnated by Wadman. When several victims discussed being subjected to child pornography, Nebraska Senator Loran Schmit's Franklin committee investigator Gary Caradori went looking for evidence. Bonacci suggested King's photographer Rusty Nelson. Nelson also testified that he had met with Caradori in Chicago in mid-1990, and provided Caradori photographs and other documents which corroborated the testimonies of the child victims. Caradori called his boss, Nebraska State Senator Loran Schmit, to inform him that they now had the subjects of their investigation "by the short hairs."[570] But, flying back to Nebraska from Chicago with that evidence a couple of days later in his private plane, Caradori and his 10-year-old son A.J. were blown out of the sky, in an explosion which has never been explained.

In February of 1989, the chief investigator of Senator Schmit's subcommittee, Jerry Lowe, sent a memo to its members, stating, "What appears to be documented cases of child abuse and sexual abuse dating back several years with no enforcement action taken by the appropriate agencies is… mind boggling." Lowe finally resigned. In the *World Herald,* Lowe related that Schmit informed him that there was "pressure to stop the investigation" which Schmit confirmed: "I have gotten phone calls threatening me. I've been told to leave it alone or my kids were going to be orphans."[571]

In Jury 1990, chief prosecutor Judge Samuel VanPelt ignored the evidence of Schmit's subcommittee, and determined that Caradori's abuse allegations were baseless, describing them as a "carefully crafted hoax" and indicted two of the accusers on perjury charges. A federal grand jury in 1991 also suggested that the abuse stories originated from a vindictive employee terminated by Boys Town, the famed refuge for troubled youths.[572] However, on February 7, 1990, US Magistrate Richard Kopf ordered that King be sent to a federal medical facility in Springfield, Missouri for a mental health evaluation, after which King was diagnosed as a "probable

delusional paranoid disorder," and deemed unfit to stand trial.[573] Later, a federal grand jury concluded that the abuse allegations were unfounded and indicted 21-year-old Alisha Owen on eight counts of perjury. The same grand jury also indicted multiple officers of the credit union, including King, for crimes related to the embezzlement of funds from the credit union.[574]

Finally, on February 27, 1999, the U.S. District Court of the District of Nebraska awarded Bonacci $1 million in compensatory damages and punitive damages, related to the Franklin Cover-Up. Omaha's Franklin Community Federal Credit Union handler, Larry King Jr., was held responsible for the damages done to Bonacci, due to King's failure to respond to the lawsuit from jail.[575]

In 2005, the Internet was abuzz with rumors that Johnny Gosch had finally been identified, and was believed to be using the alias of Jeff Gannon. Gannon was the false name used by James Dale Guckert, who posed as a conservative columnist who was given rare press access to the White House between 2003 and 2005. Gannon first gained national notoriety during a presidential press conference on January 26, 2005, when he posed President George W. Bush a question that some in the press corps considered "so friendly it might have been planted."[576] Gannon later came under public scrutiny for his lack of a journalistic background prior to his work with Talon and his involvement with various gay escort service websites using the professional name "Bulldog." Ted Gunderson, a retired FBI agent who has been working on the Gosch case for more than a decade said, "I'm convinced 99 percent that he is Johnny Gosch." His assertion is based on a confidential source from whom he claims to have videotape testimony that identified Gannon as Gosch.[577] Noreen Gosch, who has seen the videotape, believes the man is credible. Jim Rothstein, a retired New York Police Detective who spent years investigating child slavery, pedophile rings, including Roy Cohn, agrees that the evidence supports that Gannon is actually Johnny Gosch. "To me Gannon looks like Johnny," says Rothstein. "Everything just fits - the profile, the M.O., everything."[578]

9. Mind Machine

Omega Point

The coining of the term transhumanism is erroneously attributed to Aldous' brother Julian Huxley (1887 – 1975), in a 1957 article. However, as pointed out by Olivier Dard and Alexandre Moatti, the first to use the term was Jean Coutrot—head of the Synarchic Empire Movement (MSE) and founder of the CHSP—based on his promotion of the fascist doctrine of the "New Man."[579] In 1935, Contort published *De quo vivre*, which outlined his vision for a new order based on what he called "new humanism." According to Jackie Clarke, "In its various forms, this vision of a new humanism emphasized the relationship between the individual and the collective, and the need to take account of the spiritual or non rational dimensions of human personality."[580] According to Controt, the engineer would play a central role in establishing this new order, serving as what he called "engineer in human sciences."[581]

Coutrot's central concern was that human sciences had not kept pace with that of the material sciences. In his 1936 book, *L'Humanise économique*, he argued for the reorganization of the economy by experts, in the interests of human need. At the heart of this activity was the promise of the advent of a "mystic of the future" to regenerate the human species, "transhumanism," the central objective of the Center for the Study of Human Problems (CSHP), which he founded with Aldous Huxley with support from the Rockefeller Foundation.[582] The word "transhumanism" was first mentioned at a conference hosted by Coutrot in 1939 in Pontigny Abbey, founded in 1114 by Hugh of Mâcon, who later joined his friend St. Bernard de Clairvaux at the Council of Troyes in 1128 to officially approve and endorse the Templars on behalf of the Church.

According to Coutrot, transhumanism would be a "gathering around the Truth" of the various human types: sensory, conformist, intuitive and rationalist. As man has evolved, so will he continue to

transform himself. The future “sciences of man” that Coutrot calls for would make it possible to better understand this humanism in evolution towards a transhumanism. Empirical science will serve to explain human behavior, and therefore lead the foundation of a rational organization of humanity. Thus, Coutrot’s conference concluded: “All these aspects of various humanisms constitute what we can call transhumanism.”[583] Coutrot wrote in a letter to Alexis Carrel (1873-1944) in 1939: “Please accept, my dear Doctor, the expression of our most sympathetic and ‘transhumanist’ feelings.”[584]

The combined influences on the concept of transhumanism, explain Dard and Moatti, derive from the idea of a man transcending his human condition, towards union with God. According to the two authors, that idea derives from Coutrot and Julian Huxley’s close friend and member of the CSHP, the French palaeontologist and Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955). De Chardin wrote in his 1949 book *The Future of Mankind*: “Liberty: that is to say, the chance offered to every man (by removing obstacles and placing the appropriate means at his disposal) of ‘trans-humanizing’ himself by developing his potentialities to the fullest extent.”[585] The second influence is from a secular and scientific inspiration, that of man surpassing the human condition thanks to science and technology. That is, Julian Huxley’s “Religion without Revelation,” a religion of Man. Julian was first Director of UNESCO, a founding member of the World Wildlife Fund and the first President of the British Humanist Association.

Teilhard de Chardin was also the primary inspiration behind both the New Age movement and the creation of the Internet, a project associated with cybernetics and MK-Ultra. Considered the “Catholic Darwin,” Teilhard is known for his attempt at synthesizing Christianity and the theory of evolution. Teilhard, who was trained as paleontologist and geologist, took part in the infamous Peking Man and Piltdown Man, the largest academic scandal in history, that attempted to substantiate the truth of Darwin’s evolutionary hypothesis. Teilhard was closely associated with Aldous’s brother Julian, who wrote the introduction to Teilhard’s *Phenomenon of Man* (1955). According to Julian Huxley, revealing his Kabbalistic outlook,

wrote: “evolution is nothing but matter become conscious of itself.”[586]

Teilhard’s reading of Henri Bergson’s *The Creative Evolution* was, he said, the “catalyst of a fire which devoured already its heart and its spirit.” The book provides an alternate explanation for Darwin’s mechanism of evolution, suggesting that evolution is motivated by an *élan vital*, a “vital impetus” that can also be understood as humanity’s natural creative impulse. James intended to write the introduction to the English translation of the book, but died in 1910 prior to its completion. In spite of being critical of him, de Chardin regarded James’ position as somewhat akin to his own. [587]

Teilhard de Chardin laid the ground for aspirations of creating artificial intelligence by arguing that as mankind organizes itself in more complex social networks, the “Noosphere” will grow in awareness.[588] This process culminates in the goal of history, which he referred to as the “Omega Point,” which posits that all the organisms on Earth will reach a higher evolutionary point by merging into one “planetized spirit,” when humans would merge their collective intelligence into one super-mind through computer technology, as a necessary first step in the collective evolution of the universe.

For the movie *The Exorcist*, the interior of the room at Georgetown of Damien Karras, the young priest and psychiatrist who assists Father Merrin, was a meticulous reconstruction of King’s “corridor Jesuit” room in New North Hall at the university. Every element of King’s room, including posters and books, was recreated for the set, including a poster of Teilhard de Chardin. The character of Father Lankester Merrin was also based on Teilhard. Parts of the plot were themed on Teilhard’s theory of evil (or the existence of Satan) in the world possibly being Lucifer (or matter-energy spirit) working out its salvation through the process of physical evolution ending in Teilhard’s Omega Point.[589]

Canadian media theorist Marshal McLuhan, who was also influenced by the ideas of de Chardin, is known for coining the expressions “the medium is the message” and the “global village,” and for predicting the Internet as an “extension of consciousness.”

McLuhan tutored and befriended Jesuit priest Walter J. Ong, a friend of de Chardin, who would go on to write his PhD dissertation on a topic McLuhan had called to his attention. Ong would also later become a well-known authority on communication and technology.

Teilhard de Chardin also influenced Arthur C. Clarke who explored transhumanist ideas in his 1968 novel, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, which is widely considered to be one of the most influential films of all time.[590] In his 1962 book *Profiles of the Future*, Clarke predicted that the construction of what H.G. Wells called the World Brain would take place in two stages. Clarke identified the first of these as the construction of the World Library, or Wells' universal encyclopedia, accessible to everyone from their home on computer terminals by the year 2000. In the second stage, the World Library would be incorporated into the World Brain, an artificially intelligent supercomputer that humans would be able to interact with to solve various world problems. He suggested that this supercomputer should be installed in the former war rooms of the US and the Soviet Union, once the superpowers had matured enough to agree to co-operate rather than war with each other. Clarke predicted the construction of the "World Brain" would be completed by the year 2100.[591]

Arthur C. Clarke, along with OTO member Robert Heinlein and Isaac Asimov, is considered one of the "Big Three" of science fiction.[592] In the seminal short story by Isaac Asimov, "The Last Question" (in the book *Robot Dreams*), humanity merges its collective consciousness with its own creation: an all-powerful cosmic computer. The resulting intelligence spends eternity working out whether "The Last Question" can be answered, namely, "Can entropy ever be reversed." When the intelligence discovers that entropy can be reversed, it does so with the command: "LET THERE BE LIGHT."

Cybernetics

Teilhard writes briefly but positively about computers and the "young science of cybernetics."[593] Between 1930 and 1933, fellow CSHP member Sergei Chakhotin held a three-year research scholarship at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Medical Research in

Heidelberg, where he worked on a project called M.T. (Mass-Time), a manual computer, which therefore places it as one of the forerunners in the field.[594] In 1944, with Dr. Morris B. Sanders, Chakhotin would co-found the Science Action Liberation (SAL) to fulfill the "Plan" which coincided exactly with the ideas of Wells' *Open Conspiracy*.[595] Sanders had been involved in the OSS, was also a board member of the Carnegie Endowment.[596] Sanders pitched Chakhotin's M-T computer to various influential people.

Sanders also met Vannevar Bush (1890 – 1974), one of the pioneers in the development of the computer, particularly known for his engineering work on analog computers. During World War II, Bush headed the U.S. Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD), through which almost all wartime military R&D was carried out, including important developments of the Manhattan Project. His office was considered one of the key factors in winning the war. He is known in engineering for his work on analog computers and for founding Raytheon. Bush became vice president of MIT and dean of the MIT School of Engineering in 1932, and president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington in 1938.

Bush was so impressed by the similarity of their respective ideas, that he immediately proposed an article for the magazine *The Scientist Looks at Tomorrow*, in which he would focus on the extraordinary possibilities that would open up by mechanizing Chakhotin's M-T machine.[597] Bush is also known for the invention of the Memex, an adjustable microfilm viewer with a structure analogous to that of the World Wide Web. In 1945, Bush published "As We May Think" in *The Atlantic Monthly* in which he predicted:

> Consider a future device for individual use, which is a sort of mechanized private file and library. It needs a name, and, to coin one at random, "Memex" will do. A Memex is a device in which an individual stores all his books, records, and communications, and which is mechanized so that it may be consulted with exceeding speed and flexibility. It is an enlarged intimate supplement to his memory.[598]

In 1940, cybernetics pioneer and Macy Conference participant Norbert Wiener offered his services to Bush, and referred to Bush's work in *Cybernetics: Or Control and Communication in the Animal and the Machine*.[599] From 1952, Warren McCulloch, who was then working with Andrija Puharich's Round Table Foundation in the investigation of psychic phenomena on behalf of the CIA, also worked at the MIT with Wiener, where together with Walter Pitts they made pioneering contributions to the fields of computer science and artificial intelligence. McCulloch, who served as chairman of the Cybernetics Group conferences, was "the guiding spirit of cybernetics in the United States."[600] McCulloch was a founding member of the American Society for Cybernetics and its second president during 1967–1968. The inaugural dinner chairman was Frank Fremont-Smith, the medical director of the CIA front, the Josiah Macy Foundation.

John von Neumann was one the few scientists with full knowledge of the Manhattan Project's true purpose, and helped to select the target sites for the atomic bomb-drop in Japan. He also served as consultant to Standard Oil, IBM, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Air Force, Los Alamos Labs, RAND and the CIA, among others. He is credited with the equilibrium strategy of mutual assured destruction, or MAD. He helped to develop Electronic Numerical Integrator And Computer (ENIAC), the first electronic general-purpose computer, which was used to do computations for the Hydrogen Bomb. He was also central to the development of the idea of neural nets, the conceptual forerunner of the Internet.[601] During a Senate committee hearing he described his political ideology as "violently anti-communist, and much more militaristic than the norm." He was quoted in 1950 remarking, "If you say why not bomb [the Soviets] tomorrow, I say, why not today? If you say today at five o'clock, I say why not one o'clock?"[602]

Wiener referred to cybernetics as, "the study of control and communication in machines and living beings."[603] Arturo Rosenblueth, an influential member of the core group at the Macy Conferences, speaking on behalf of John von Neumann and his mentor Norbert Wiener, had proposed to gather together a group of scientists to devise experiments in social control, based on the

assumption that the human brain was merely a complex input/output machine, and that human behavior could, in effect, be programmed, on both on an individual and societal level.

Wiener wrote two books which would define cybernetics as a scientific field of interdisciplinary study. His first book, published in 1948, was *Cybernetics*, or *Communication and Control in the Animal and the Machine*. The book discusses the relationship between man and machine as developing symbiotically through what Wiener called "feedback loops," where each relayed information back to the other to adjust their performance. It was therefore also concerned with the possibility of machines "augmenting" humans. Thus, Weiner's book is believed to have laid the theoretical foundation for robotics, computer artificial intelligence and the Internet.[604]

The chapter concludes with a discussion of the possibility of self-replicating machines. The theological implications of this idea were further explored in *God and Golem, Inc.* (1964), where Wiener compares the creative power of God with that of man creating machines, and machines ultimately reproducing themselves. Among the symbols featured on the front cover is a Masonic all-seeing eye. Wiener suggests that resistance to these ideas is rooted in the same prejudices that once stigmatized magic, and draws parallels to the practices of the Black Mass, as well as the Golem of Kabbalistic legend and Goethe's *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. According to Wiener, "If we adhere to all these taboos, we may acquire a great reputation as conservative and sound thinkers, but we shall contribute very little to the further advance of knowledge. It is the part of the scientist—of the intelligent man of letters and of the honest clergyman as well—to entertain heretical and forbidden opinions experimentally, even if he is finally to reject them."[605]

However, Wiener also sounded the warning about the potential threat of thinking machines overtaking humans. Wiener proclaimed the advent of a "second industrial revolution," which would bring about fully automated factories running without human assistance, and which he believed carried "great possibilities for good and for evil."[606] Cybernetic techniques and technologies, he argued, "open to us vistas of a period of greater plenty than the human race has ever known, although they create at the same time the possibility of

a more devastating level of social ruin and perversion than any we have yet known."[607] However, Wiener warned, "The skilled scientist and the skilled administrator may survive," but "the average human being of mediocre attainments or less has nothing to sell that it is worth anyone's money to buy."[608]

Similarly, John von Neumann developed the universal constructor, a self-replicating machine in a cellular automata (CA) environment. It was designed in the 1940s, without the use of a computer. The fundamental details of the machine were published in von Neumann's book *Theory of Self-Reproducing Automata*, completed in 1966. Von Neumann's goal was to specify an abstract machine which, when run, would replicate itself.

Psychotronics

Michael Murphy, co-founder of the CIA-connected Esalen Institute in Big Sur, California, had made a total of four trips to the Soviet Union, in 1971, 1972, 1979, and 1980. The first two visits were privately organized, while on the last trip he came by invitation, indirectly, of the KGB, officially hosted by the faculty of American Studies at Moscow University. [609] Through the Esalen Institute, the CIA encouraged the exploration of parapsychology and psychotronics, which are linked to cybernetics through its study of the human mind in relation to psychedelic drugs, artificial intelligence and purported psychic abilities.

The term psychotronics was introduced in 1967 by Zdenek Rejdak to avoid the negative connotations of "parapsychology." Rejdak was a Czech scientist, member of the Knights of Malta and president of the International Association for Research Psychotronic (IAPR), which was founded at the first International Congress of psychics in Prague in 1973.[610] At the Prague conference, Rejdak revealed the following about the relationship between computers and artificial telepathy, from his paper titled "Psychotronics Reveals New Possibilities for Cybernetics":

> Theoretical cyberneticians are proposing at present the construction of computers that would "create" and would

> possess at least a degree of intuition… Psychotronics has a great opportunity to provide much essential knowledge about these processes, and thereby to help cybernetics in solving one of the most complicated tasks, that of teaching computers to create… The point is not merely to build more perfect computers, but primarily computers with qualitatively new functions. Work is now underway on a fourth generation of computers, and a fifth generation is being planned. Therefore, it is very timely for cybernetics to include in its studies also the results of work and research in psychotronics.[611]

Accompanying the Soviets' research into psychotronics was their interest in cybernetics. Beginning in the 1950s, there was an explosion of interest in cybernetics inside the Soviet Union. Cybernetics was initially outlawed in the Soviet Union as bourgeois pseudoscience, and Norbert Wiener's 1948 book *Cybernetics* was condemned as contrary to "dialectic materialism."[612] However, the military in particular recognized the value of the emerging computer technology, and the risks of being left behind. Party leaders were soon convinced, and the Communist Party Program singled out cybernetics as crucial to the construction of communism, setting the stage for Wiener's triumphal visit to Moscow in 1960 to attend a mathematics conference. In October 1961, just in time for the opening of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Communist Party, the Cybernetics Council of the Soviet Academy of Sciences published a volume appropriately entitled *Cybernetics in the Service of Communism*. The new Program vigorously asserted that cybernetics, electronic computers, and control systems "will be widely applied in production processes in industry, building, and transport, in scientific research, planning, designing, accounting, statistics, and management." [613]

Soviet psychotronics attracted the attention of the Americans, and was investigated by Michael Murphy. In the 1960s, Murphy had begun writing to civilians in the Soviet Union, who were doing research, independently of the state, into psychic abilities. Esalen had been aware of the Soviet interest in such things from the travels of Fritz Perls and Stanislav Grof. After Sheila Ostrander and Lynn

Schroeder, authors of *Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain*, attended the first annual International Parapsychology Conference in Moscow in 1968 on parapsychology and ESP and reported of a "race for inner space," in which Soviet scientists were exploring the paranormal with the hope gaining an advantage over the US, Murphy and two of his friends travelled to Russia in 1971. Murphy and Karl Nikolaiev, a well-known telepath living in Russia, experimented with another form of transcontinental information exchange.

Nikolaev, who taught himself Yoga through books and allegedly received telepathic transmissions in Leningrad from a controlled sender in Moscow. Murphy also with Dzuna Davitashvili, the personal faith healer of Leonid Brezhnev, and Wolf Messing, a Polish Jewish immigrant who fled Poland ager Hitler put a price on his head for prophesying the demise of the Fuhrer.[614] Messing had met both Einstein and Freud in Einstein's apartment and participated in a psychic experiment they requested. In his 1982 book, *An End to Ordinary History*, a small group of researchers pursue psychic possibilities to the Soviet Union, while being closely watched by the CIA and KGB. When asked how much of the book was based in reality, Murphy says, "All of it!"[615] "To use a metaphor from Star Wars, that was the Dark Side of the force," explained Murphy. "They were trying to develop this technology of the paranormal, clairvoyance, and psychokinesis. Nobody knows the exact figures, but certainly America put $100 million into this. And we knew all the central players."[616]

Stanford Research Institute

A year before the 1973 parapsychology conference in Prague, *Time* magazine wrote about the "Mind-Reading Computer" being developed at the CIA-connected Stanford Research Institute (SRI) by interpreting EEG patterns. Headquartered in Menlo Park, California, SRI is one of the world's largest scientific research organizations, funded directly by US intelligence agencies, particularly the CIA's Office of Technical Services and Office Research. Originally founded as a means of attracting commercial

business research at Stanford University in California, in the 1970s SRI began taking on military and intelligence contracts, many of them classified. According to John Coleman, SRI "can be described as one of the 'jewels' in Tavistock's crown in its rule over the United States."[617] SRI's network, Coleman claims, now extends from the University of Sussex to the US through the Esalen Institute, MIT, Hudson Institute, Brookings Institution, Aspen Institute, Heritage Foundation, the Center of Strategic and International Studies at Georgetown, US Air Force Intelligence, and the RAND Corporation.

The director of the Educational Policy Research Center at SRI was Willis Harman, the personality who tied the connection between MK-Ultra, psychotronics and the development of the personal computer. Beginning as a professor of electrical engineering and system analysis, Harman went on to become a senior social scientist with SRI, describing his contribution as, "helping clients in government and business do strategic planning over a very wide range of practical policy issues. My particular task was to help them think about the issues in the context of the future environment in which the consequences of their decisions would manifest."[618]

While at SRI, Harman hired Captain Al Hubbard as a "special investigative agent."[619] It was Hubbard who had first introduced Aldous Huxley to LSD. Over the years, Hubbard, who had worked for the OSS during the war as a "Special Investigative Agent," also reportedly worked for the Canadian Special Services, the US Justice Department and the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. In 1955, Hubbard, known as the "Johnny Appleseed of LSD," introduced both Humphry Osmond and Aldous Huxley to LSD, considered more profound than those detailed in *The Doors of Perception*. Hubbard was also in contact with LSD evangelist Timothy Leary who began privately purchasing large quantities of LSD as well.[620] Through his extensive connections, which included the Pope, as he once boasted, he has been credited with "turning on" as many as 6,000 people to LSD.[621]

ARPANET

As is often the case, the United States' development of computers and artificial intelligence was justified through a purported threat posed by similar advancements in the Soviet Union. A team of CIA intelligence analysts, led by John J. Ford, a Soviet expert working in the Agency's Office of Scientific Intelligence, who began studying the explosion of interest in cybernetics among the Soviets. Russian proponents of cybernetics proposed optimizing the functioning of the Soviet system by creating a large number of regional computer centers to collect, process, and redistribute economic data for efficient planning and management. According to Engineer Admiral Aksel Berg, Chairman of the Academy Council on Cybernetics in 1962, "These machines, aptly called 'cybernetic machines', will solve the problem of continuous optimal planning and control."[622] The popular press began to call computers "machines of communism." [623]

On October 17, 1962, Ford submitted a summary of his findings to Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., President Kennedy's Special Assistant, who warned that "by 1970 the USSR may have a radically new production technology, involving total enterprises or complexes of industries, managed by closed-loop, feedback control employing self-teaching computers." If the American negligence of cybernetics continues, he concluded, "we are finished."[624] President Kennedy then asked his Science Advisor Dr. Jerome Wiesner, who had participated in several of the cybernetics conferences of the Macy Foundation, to set up a cybernetics panel to "take a look at what we're doing compared to what they're doing, and what this means for the future."[625] Wiesner had headed the Department of Electrical Engineering at MIT, and regarded Norbert Wiener as his mentor. In 1952, Wiesner took over the directorship of the Research Laboratory of Electronics (RLE) at MIT, where leading members of the Cybernetics Group had all taken up residence.

Claims about the Soviet computer networks were completely unsubstantiated. Nevertheless, US research in artificial intelligence received a very significant financial boost.[626] Much of the work at the Artificial Intelligence labs at Stanford University and at MIT was funded through the Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). DARPA began as the Advanced

Research Projects Agency (ARPA) created in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, for the purpose of forming and executing research and development projects to expand the frontiers of technology and science able to reach far beyond immediate military requirements.

Starting in 1963, the Information Processing Techniques Office (IPTO) at the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) heavily funded Project MAC at MIT and other artificial intelligence initiatives. ARPA funded the Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (ARPANET), the progenitor of what was to become the Internet. The ARPANET developed when, in the late 1960s, Robert Taylor, a rocket specialist from NASA and enthusiast of Wiener's cybernetics and the first computers, transferred to the Pentagon. In late 1962, Taylor met J.C.R. Licklider, the IPTO's first directory. A former participant in the Macy Conferences of the Cybernetics Group, Licklider has been called "computing's Johnny Appleseed" and been credited as an early pioneer of cybernetics and artificial intelligence (AI). While at MIT, Licklider was also very close to Jerome Wiesner, and when the latter became President Kennedy's Science Advisor, Licklider was appointed the head of a panel on scientific and technical communications. Thus, in addition to his work at the Pentagon, Licklider divided his time between ARPA and Wiesner's Office of Science and Technology.

Licklider is also remembered as an Internet pioneer, with an early vision of a worldwide computer network long before it was built. In his 1960 article, "Man-Computer Symbiosis," Licklider outlined his vision of a network of "thinking centers," multi-user computer timesharing systems, which would "incorporate the functions of present-day libraries together with anticipated advances in information storage and retrieval and symbiotic functions."[627] Licklider co-authored "The Computer as a Communication Device" with Robert Taylor who directed the IPTO from 1966 to 1969. Under Taylor, the IPTO worked to unite "digitally isolated" research groups into a "supercommunity" by developing the ARPANET.

Project MAC (Multiple Access Computer, Machine Aided Cognitions, or Man and Computer) was launched in 1963 with a

grant from the DARPA. The project was interested principally in the problems of vision, mechanical motion and manipulation, and language, which was viewed as the keys to more intelligent machines. It enlisted an “AI Group” that included Marvin Minsky as director, and John McCarthy who invented Lisp. Computer scientist Marvin Minsky was co-founder of Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s AI laboratory, and wrote on relationships between human and artificial intelligence beginning in the 1960s.

International Foundation for Advanced Study (IFAS)

At Robert Taylor’s urging, a complete computer hardware-software system called the oN-Line System, or more commonly NLS, was first demonstrated by computer visionary Douglas Engelbart in San Francisco in 1968. In the early 1960s, Engelbart had assembled a team of computer engineers and programmers, as well as Fadiman, at his Augmentation Research Center (ARC) located at SRI. His idea was to free computing from merely being about number crunching to becoming a tool for communications and information-retrieval. He wanted to turn Vannevar Bush’s idea for a Memex machine into reality, where a machine used interactively by one person could “Augment” their intelligence. Over the course of six years, with the funding both NASA and ARPA, Engelbart’s team went about putting together all the elements that would make such a computer system a reality.

Engelbart was one of first LSD subjects of Clifton Fadiman at International Foundation for Advanced Study (IFAS) in Menlo Park. The vice president of IFAS, which was Captain Al Hubbard’s brainchild, was Willis Harman of SRI. IFAS conducted clinical studies that attempted to measure the effects of LSD, mescaline, and other drugs on creativity. The founder and president of IFAS was Myron J. Stolaroff. Born in Roswell, New Mexico, Stolaroff received a Masters in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University, and from 1946 to 1960 he worked at Ampex, one of the first of the high-technology companies to emerge in the valleys south of San Francisco. Stolaroff was in contact with Gordon Wasson, and was introduced to

psychedelics by Gerald Heard and travelled to Vancouver to partake of Al Hubbard's LSD sessions.[628] Hubbard became a member of IFAS's board, along with Humphry Osmond and Abram Hoffer.[629]

Also involved at IFAS was James Fadiman, a former student of Timothy Leary's colleague at Harvard, Dr. Richard Alpert (a.k.a. Ram Dass), who introduced him to psilocybin, the active agent in magic mushrooms. Fadiman later became Harman's teaching assistant. Fadiman eventually taught at San Francisco State, finished his PhD in psychology at Stanford. His research at the foundation focused on the changes in beliefs, attitude, and behavior that resulted from taking LSD.

The real purpose of IFAS, explains John Markoff in *What the Dormouse Said: How the Sixties Counterculture Shaped the Personal Computer Industry*, was to make LSD credible to the medical establishment. While Stolaroff was president, IFAS conducted clinical studies that attempted to measure the effects of LSD, mescaline, and other drugs on creativity. Stolaroff was convinced that, if used as part of the Ampex product-design process, LSD could be used as a tool for improving a company's business by inspiring creativity in both engineers and artists. IFAS ultimately led more than 350 people, including some of the best engineers in the region, through their first psychedelic experiences.

USCO

Among Fadiman's LSD test subjects at IFAS was Stewart Brand, who spearheaded the movement that drew on the 1960s counterculture to present the "personal computer," a term he coined, as a tool of personal empowerment. Another graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Brand was deeply influenced by Marshall McLuhan, as well as cybernetics visionary Norbert Wiener, Gregory Bateson, and architect and designer Buckminster Fuller, known for his designs of biospheres.

First serving as a soldier in the US Army, Brand worked at the Pentagon as a photographer, and in 1961 he served in Vietnam. He studied design at San Francisco Art Institute and photography at San Francisco State College in 1962. In 1963, based on their mutual

interest, Brand contacted Kesey who invited him to join the Merry Pranksters, and is described in the beginning of Tom Wolfe's 1968 book, *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test*. In the course of his research, Brand lived with two different Indian tribes, the Oregon Silcots and the Navajos of the southwestern desert. Of the latter he has said, "Anything I know about organization, I learned at a Navajo peyote meeting one night."[630] Ken Kesey's book, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, featured a schizophrenic Indian chief Bromden who was from the same reservation where Brand had done some work, supposedly as a photojournalist. Brand was inspired by Kesey's book, where he thought the struggle between Bromden and the mental hospital was reflective of the one between the government and the Indian reservations.[631]

During his time with them, Brand produced the Trips Festival, involving rock music and light shows, which was one of the first venues at which the *Grateful Dead* performed in San Francisco. According to Jay Stevens in *Storming Heaven*, Kesey and the Acid Tests, particularly the Trips Festival, were the catalyst of the cultural explosion at Haight-Ashbury, "which had been like throwing a switch that sent a surge of energy through the isolated pockets of hipness surrounding the Bay Area."[632]

When Brand moved to New York, he hung out with members of the Beat scene, like Gerd Stern, who is considered a pioneer in the genre of multimedia art. Stern had known Allen Ginsberg and Carl Solomon, since the three of them had met when they were patients of the New York Psychiatric Institute in 1949, which was headed by Dr. Nolan D. C. Lewis, the Scottish Rite's Field Representative of Research on Dementia Praecox.[633] Stern also collaborated with Marshall McLuhan, taught communications and media at Harvard University's School of Education, and served as consultant for the Rockefeller Foundation arts program.[634]

Stern's background in the Bay Area Beat community grew out of his involvement with Pacifica radio station, where he met Allen Ginsberg and Alan Watts. Stern, Brand and other artists and engineers formed what was known as USCO, for "The Company of Us," a media art collective which produced multimedia art internationally, which was most active in Woodstock, New York

during the years 1964–66. Living not too far from the Millbrook Estate, they became involved with Timothy Leary, Richard Alpert, and Ralph Metzner.[635] In 1965 USCO collaborated with Leary and Alpert's Castalia Foundation, a precursor to the League for Spiritual Discovery, to reproduce the LSD experience in an "audio-olfactory-visual alteration of consciousness" psychedelic art event in New York City.[636]

USCO exhibited in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and is considered a key link in the development of expanded cinema, visual music, installation art, and the Internet.[637] USCO were influenced by McLuhan, and used stroboscopes, projectors and audiotapes in their performances. Jonas Mekas, a Lithuanian American filmmaker, poet, and artist tied to the neo-Dada Fluxus movement. Mekas, who has often been called "the godfather of American avant-garde cinema," presented a series of multimedia productions, under the title New Cinema Festival 1 (later referred to as the Expanded Film Festival), at the Filmmakers Cinematheque in New York City. Mekas, was a close friend of Kenneth Anger, and a close collaborator with artists such as Andy Warhol, Nico, Allen Ginsberg, Yoko Ono, John Lennon, Salvador Dalí, and fellow Lithuanian George Maciunas, the founder of Fluxus. Other participants in the series included well-known and emerging figures such as Angus Maclise (with members of the Velvet Underground), Nam June Paik and Andy Warhol.

The Program Manager was John Brockman, a young producer associated with Andy Warhol's Factory, who could later become a famous literary agent as head of Brockman Inc., which represented science and technology writers. Brockman designed the promotional poster promoted the 1968 psychedelic comedy film about the Monkees, *Head*, written by Bob Rafelson and Jack Nicholson and directed by Rafelson. The Monkees, the "prefab four," who were created for a mid-1960s American television series, approached the project as a chance to disassociate themselves from the image that had created them.[638] In their well-known themesong they sing, "Hey, hey, we're the Monkees / You know we love to please / A manufactured image / With no philosophies." Brockman would later

achieve some infamy for his association with convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein.

Stern and Michael Callahan co-founded Intermedia Systems Corporation in 1969, the year the company handled some management and administrative details for the Woodstock festival. Intermedia was a term used in the mid-1960s by Fluxus artist Dick Higgins to describe various inter-disciplinary art activities that occurred between genres in the 1960s. Gerd's solo work and collaborative multi-media projects with USCO have been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Guggenheim Museum, Tate Museum, Vienna's Kunsthalle, and Centre Georges Pompidou. Other career highlights included manager for Maya Angelou, writer for Playboy and producer of the Timothy Leary Psychedelic Theater.

Mother of All Demos

As explained in *Computer: A History of the Information Machine*, the personal computer was in large part a product of the "computer liberation" movement that grew out of the counter-culture of California in the 1960s. Brand was a follower of Gregory Bateson and passionate about cybernetics, and spearheaded the movement that drew on the 1960s counterculture to present the "personal computer." Most his generation, Brand recalled, rejected computers as tools of centralized control by a militarized superpower. It was through Brand's efforts that the counterculture adopted the computer instead as a tool for personal liberation. The change of outlook was celebrated in an ode to cybernetics, titled "All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace," written by Richard Brautigan in 1967.

Brand created the *Whole Earth Catalog*, published between 1968 and 1971, which identified and promoted key products or tools for communal living and to help "transform the individual into a capable, creative person." Its first issue was devoted to cybernetics, starting with a review of Norbert Wiener's 1948 inaugural book on the subject. According to John Markoff in *What the Dormouse Said*, "The catalog ultimately helped shape the view of an entire generation, which came to believe that computing technologies could

be used in the service of such goals as political revolution and safeguarding the environment."[639]

As explained by Erik Davis in *TechGnosis*, "Bateson later bloomed into the quintessential California philosopher, a resident of Esalen and patron saint of the *Whole Earth Catalog*." Brand explained, "What I found missing was any clear conceptual bonding of cybernetic whole-systems thinking with religious whole-systems thinking," and, "In the summer of '72, a book began to fill it in for me: *Steps to an Ecology of Mind*, by Gregory Bateson." [640] *Steps*, which was Bateson's most influential book, was finished when he was at the Oceanic Institute in Hawaii in 1971, working with dolphins. Throughout his life, Bateson attributed great importance to his participation in the Macy conferences. "My debt," he mentioned in the early seventies, "is evident in everything that I have written since World War II."[641] Man and computer, according to Bateson, were part of a feedback loop, such that they were joined together in a single mental activity. This provided Bateson the opportunity to suggest that computers or machines were alive in the sense that they participated with humans in a pantheistic ecology, where the entire universe was divine, a perception of reality which was typically associated with LSD. As Bateson explained in *Steps*:

> The cybernetic epistemology which I have offered you would suggest a new approach. The individual mind is immanent but not only in the body. It is immanent also in pathways and messages outside the body; and there is a larger Mind of which the individual mind is only a sub-system. This larger Mind is comparable to God and is perhaps what some people mean by "God," but it is still immanent in the total interconnected social system and planetary ecology.[642]

In 1972, when Brand was commissioned to write an article for *Rolling Stone*, he visited in Stanford's Artificial Intelligence Laboratory. The resulting article, titled "Fanatic Life and Symbolic Death Among the Computer Bums," provided a seminal influence, announcing, "Ready or not, computers are coming to the people." Brand added, "That's good news, maybe the best since

psychedelics." Brand has been credited with creating the computer hacker subculture as the direct result of the article.[643]

Brand filmed Engelbart's demonstration of a mouse-based user interface was later dubbed "the Mother of All Demos." The 90-minute presentation essentially demonstrated almost all the fundamental elements of modern personal computing, all tools that Engelbart believed would save the world by empowering people, in a similar way to the communes, to be free as individuals: multiple windows, hypertext, graphics, efficient navigation and command input, video conferencing, the computer mouse, word processing, dynamic file linking, revision control, and a collaborative real-time editor (collaborative work).

Apple

The demonstration was highly influential and spawned similar projects at Xerox PARC in the early 1970s. Taylor was founder and later manager of Xerox PARC's Computer Science Laboratory from 1970 through 1983, and founder and manager of Digital Equipment Corporation's Systems Research Center until 1996. PARC is a research and development company based in Palo Alto, with a distinguished reputation for its significant contributions to the modern personal computer, including graphical user interface (GUI), featuring windows and icons and operated with a mouse. According to Taylor, referring to the influence of J.C.R. Licklider:

> …most of the significant advances in computer technology—including the work that my group did at Xerox PARC—were simply extrapolations of Lick's vision. They were not really new visions of their own. So he was really the father of it all.[644]

PARC hired many employees of the nearby Augmentation Research Center of the Stanford Research Institute (SRI) as that facility's funding from DARPA, NASA, and the US Air Force began to diminish. In 1979, a young Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, was allowed into PARC's inner sanctum to peer at its secrets. Jobs hired a number of engineers from PARC and the end-result was the

Macintosh, and its graphical user interface. However, the idea, in turn, was “stolen” by Bill Gates, to create Windows for Microsoft, though both revolutionized the personal computer. According to Steve Jobs, Brand’s *Whole Earth Catalog* was “one the bibles of my generation.”[645]

According to Erik Davis in *TechGnosis*, “With a name that hearkened back to Eden’s fruit of knowledge (and an initial selling price of $666), the Apple proffered the Promethean dream of putting godly power in your hands.”[646] Timothy Leary mentioned that it is no accident that “the term ‘LSD’ was used twice in *Time* magazine’s cover story about Steve Jobs.”[647] Leary confessed that initially, he was very much against computers. To Leary, IBM was “Big Brother.” This was the same allegory Apple used in their iconic 1984 Super Bowl ad, directed by Ridley Scott, director of Blade Runner. “On January 24th, Apple Computer will introduce Macintosh,” the commercial concluded, “and you’ll see why 1984 won’t be like ‘1984.”

10. Project Stargate

Remote Viewing

Through a government-funded project, Esalen became associated with the channeling of messages of a group of "extraterrestrials" calling themselves "The Council of Nine," which developed out of a secret CIA tests in "remote viewing" known as the Stargate Project. Until the CIA eventually acknowledged responsibility for them, under what is known as Project Stargate, remote-viewing experiments at SRI were funded by the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), established in 1973 by Edgar Mitchell, together with ex-Nazi rocket scientist from NASA and Permindex member Wernher Von Braun, and billionaire investor Paul N. Temple, Jr., as Chairman Emeritus.[648] Temple was a major funder of both IONS and Veriede's The Fellowship, through his Three Swallows Foundation.[649]

The Stargate Project was the code name for a US Army unit established in 1978 at Fort Meade, by the Defense Intelligence Agency and SRI International in California contractor, to investigate the potential for psychic phenomena in military and domestic applications. This primarily involved remote viewing, the purported ability to psychically "see" events, sites, or information from a great distance. Although not mentioned by name, Project Stargate is the subject of Jon Ronson's book *The Men Who Stare At Goats* (2004), and its related Channel 4 documentaries, which examine the subject of New Age ideas influencing the US military. The book was also the basis for a 2009 British-American war parody comedy film starring George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges and Kevin Spacey.

Being influenced by the occult, secret CIA projects aimed to use psychedelic drugs to create a subject capable of making contact with the spirit world, denizens of a netherworld more popularly referred to now as "extraterrestrials." The CIA's Mk-Ultra "mind-control" program was a strange amalgam that involved attempts to induce such

contact and other psychic experiences, coupled with the field of cybernetics, with the aim of producing not just the personal computer, but especially artificial intelligence, with the end-goal being the creation of a all-knowing global network of computers, equated with the Masonic all-seeing eye on the reverse side of the American dollar bill.

Remote-viewing and ESP are achieved through mediumship, sometimes referred to as demonic possession, or contact with discarnate entities, commonly known as “extra-terrestrials.” Remote-viewing and ESP represented the central mysteries of the occult, or spirit possession, otherwise known as mediumship, and typically induced through magical ritual. In early occult and spiritualist literature, remote viewing, also referred altered states of consciousness, was known as telesthesia and travelling clairvoyance. Rosemary Guiley, an American writer on the subject of the occult and paranormal, described it as “seeing remote or hidden objects clairvoyantly with the inner eye, or in alleged out-of-body travel.”[650] It is known in the occult as astral projection, a supposed form of telepathy. It is founded on the assumption of the existence of a soul or consciousness called an “astral body,” separate from the physical body, which supposedly capable of travelling the universe where it interacts with other astral bodies and is capable of implanting ideas into other people’s minds. According to Hermeticism, Neoplatonism and later Theosophist and Rosicrucian thought the astral body is an intermediate body of light linking the rational soul to the physical body while the astral plane is an intermediate world of light between Heaven and Earth, composed of the spheres of the planets and stars. These astral spheres were held to be populated by angels, demons and spirits.[651]

Emanuel Swedenborg was one of the first practitioners to write extensively about the out-of-body experience. The idea of the astral figured prominently in the work of the Eliphas Lévi, a leading figure of the nineteenth-century Occult Revival, after which it was adopted and developed further by Theosophy, and used afterwards by other esoteric movements, including the Golden Dawn. In occult traditions, practices range from inducing trance states to the mental construction of a second body—called the Body of Light by Aleister

Crowley—through visualization and controlled breathing, followed by the transfer of consciousness to the secondary body by a mental act of will.[652]

Andrija Puharich was a mentor to Bob Monroe, a radio broadcasting executive who became known for his research into out-of-body experiences and for founding the Monroe Institute. Emanuel Swedenborg was one of the first practitioners to write extensively about the out-of-body experience. The idea of the astral figured prominently in the work of the Eliphas Lévi, a leading figure of the nineteenth-century Occult Revival, whence it was adopted and developed further by Theosophy, and used afterwards by other esoteric movements, including the Golden Dawn. In occult traditions, practices range from inducing trance states to the mental construction of a second body, called the Body of Light by Aleister, through visualization and controlled breathing, followed by the transfer of consciousness to the secondary body by a mental act of will.[653]

One in ten people have an out-of-body experience (OBE) once, or more commonly, several times in their life.[654] OBEs can be induced by brain traumas, sensory deprivation, near-death experiences, dissociative and psychedelic drugs, dehydration, sleep, and electrical stimulation of the brain.[655] Those experiencing OBEs sometimes report a preceding and initiating lucid-dream state. In many cases, people report being on the verge of sleep, or being already asleep shortly before the experience.[656] Falling asleep physically without losing awareness. Some individuals have reported perceptions similar to descriptions of astral projection that were induced through various hallucinogenic and hypnotic means, including self-hypnosis.[657] OBEs can be induced by hallucinogens such as ketamine, DMT, MDA, and LSD. Another form of spontaneous OBE is the near-death experience (NDE).

The “Mind Awake, Body Asleep” state is widely suggested as a cause of OBEs, voluntary and otherwise.[658] Deliberately teetering between awake and asleep states is known to cause spontaneous trance episodes at the onset of sleep which are ultimately helpful when attempting to induce an OBE. By moving deeper and deeper

into relaxation, one eventually encounters a “slipping” feeling if the mind is still alert. This slipping is reported to feel like leaving the physical body. Some consider progressive relaxation a passive form of sensory deprivation. Thomas Edison, who was a member of the Theosophical Society, used such states to tackle problems while working on his inventions. Salvador Dali was said to use a “paranoiac-critical” method to gain odd visions which inspired his paintings.[659]

According to Monroe, it was Puharich who taught him how to alter his consciousness on demand, resulting in an out-of-body experiences. Monroe’s book 1971 book, *Journeys Out of the Body*, which became a hit and sold 100,000 copies, is credited with popularizing the term “out-of-body experience.” Monroe wrote in his memoirs that one of his first tests was to visit Puharich. Monroe apparently accurately described the location, but Puharich had no recollection of the contact. When Monroe started using his OBE experiences for sexual escapades in the other plane, Puharich denounced Monroe as a fraud.

Noetic Science

IONS was founded in order to encourage and conduct research on noetic theory and human potentials, exploring topics of paranormal phenomena such as spontaneous remission, meditation, consciousness, alternative healing practices, consciousness-based healthcare, spirituality, human potential, psychic abilities, psychokinesis and survival of consciousness after bodily death. The words “Noosphere” and “noetic” both derive from the Greek *nous*, meaning “mind or ways of knowing.” Teilhard de Chardin borrowed the use of the term from William James, who made reference to a “noetic faculty.” As defined by James in 1902, “noetic” refers to “states of insight into depths of truth unplumbed by the discursive intellect. They are illuminations, revelations, full of significance and importance, all inarticulate though they remain; and as a rule they carry with them a curious sense of authority…”[660]

ION’s directors have included Willis Harman, James Fadiman of IFAS and Howard Rheingold. In May 1974, Harman had led a SRI

study titled “Changing Images of Man.” The report was prepared by a team that included Margaret Mead, B. F. Skinner, Ervin Laszlo and Sir Geoffrey Vickers of British intelligence. Others involved in this project included Carl Rogers, James Fadiman, Ralph Metzner and Joseph Campbell. The stated aim of the study was to change the image of mankind from that of industrial progress to one of “spiritualism.” The report stressed the importance of the United States in promoting Masonic ideals, effectively creating the ideal Masonic state.[661]

In *Global Mind Change: The Promise of the 21st Century*, a book sponsored by IONS, Harman remarked that, “we are living through one of the most fundamental shifts in history—a change in the actual belief system of Western society. No economic, political, or military power can compare with the power of a change of mind. By deliberately changing their images of reality, people are changing the world.”[662] The answer, he posited, was a reconsideration of the empiricism of modern Western societies, and a return to the marriage between science and mysticism that was exemplified in Rosicrucianism and Freemasonry. According to Harman:

> The essential premise of Freemasonry was that there are transcendental realms of reality in which we coexist, and of which we potentially can have conscious knowledge. While the patters and forces of these realms are inaccessible to the physical senses, they are available for exploration through looking into the deep mind. They play important roles in shaping evolutionary and human events, and can be called upon for power and guidance.[663]

Harman believed that the symbol of the pyramid with the floating capstone on the Great Seal “indicates that the nation will flourish only as its leaders are guided by supraconscious intuition,” which he defined as “divine insight.” The phrase *novus order seclorum*, meaning a “new order of the ages,” indicates the birth of not just another nation, but of a new spiritually-based New World Order. According to Harman:

> …The power of these symbols on the collective psyche is such, however, that if the American nation is to regain its earlier position of moral leadership in the world it will be through an effort focused around these symbols and meanings, and no other.[664]

IONS founder Edgar Mitchell, the sixth astronaut to walk on the moon, claimed to have undergone a cosmic consciousness experience on his return flight to earth. Mitchell was founded IONS to encourage and conduct research on human potentials. IONS plays a central role in Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol* about Freemasonry. IONS, it claims, "conducts, sponsors, and collaborates on leading-edge research into the potentials and powers of consciousness, exploring phenomena that do not necessarily fit conventional scientific models while maintaining a commitment to scientific rigor."[665] According to Dan Brown, these are ancient secrets that have been courageously preserved by secret societies from persecution by the Catholic Church, and which represent latent potential in ourselves which can allow humans to become "as gods."

In the 70s and 80s, laser physicists and parapsychologists Russell Targ and Harold Puthoff led a CIA/DIA-funded program at SRI to investigate paranormal abilities, collaborating with Russell Targ in a study of the purported psychic abilities of Uri Geller, Ingo Swann, Pat Price, Joseph McMoneagle and others, as part of the Stargate Project. At least three of the key remote-viewers at SRI—Hal Puthoff, Ingo Swann and Pat Price—were former leaders in Hubbard's Church of Scientology. Puthoff, the SRI's senior researcher, was once a leading Scientologist. Price, a former police chief, after being trained as a remote-viewer, went to work for the CIA. Ingo Swann, a New York artist, was a Class VII Operating Thetan and a founder of the Scientology Center in Los Angeles. Puthoff and Targ's lab assistant was a Scientologist married to a minister of the church. When Swann joined SRI, he stated openly that fourteen "Clears" participated in the experiments."[666] Swann went on to train remote-viewers at the Pentagon.[667]

In the early 1970s Puthoff and Targ had joined the Electronics and Bioengineering Laboratory at the Stanford Research Institute

(SRI) where they initiated studies of the paranormal that were, at first, supported with private funding from the Parapsychology Foundation and the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS). Ironically, the Russian project was initiated in response to claims reported by French newspapers that the Americans were using ESP on their Nautilus submarine to communicate with the shore. [668] The SRI project aimed to investigate claims of psychic phenomena with potential military and domestic application, particularly "remote viewing." It was Russell Targ who had communicated the details of SRI's studies in remote-viewing to Michael Murphy. [669]

Theoretical Fysiks

As recounted by Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince, in *The Stargate Conspiracy*, Israeli-born Uri Geller—a one-time stage magician who became famous for his television performances of spoon-bending and other supposed psychic effects—was brought into the US intelligence community under the original patronage of Andrija Puharich. Like Puharich, Geller was also at times in the employ of Mossad and Shin Bet.[670] Edgar Mitchell, the founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), knew Puharich since 1970, and in 1972 sponsored Geller during his tests with American scientists, including the tests at SRI, and was invited to brief the CIA on their results when George Bush was head of the organization.[671]

The CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency set up a program called ESPionage, financing research conducted by SRI, which in 1974 hired Jack Sarfatti and the Fundamental Fysiks Group to help with its research into Geller. Sarfatti's group was an informal band of physicists at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the 1970s. The group was founded by Elizabeth Rauscher of SRI and included Henry Stapp, Fred Alan Wolf, Nick Herbert, Fritjof Capra, John Clauser, Philippe Eberhard, Saul-Paul Sirag and George Weissman. Sarfatti and Fred Wolf helped to organize a series of tests at Birkbeck College led by John Hasted.

According to historian of science David Kaiser, in his book, *How the Hippies Saved Physics*, the Fundamental Fysiks Group helped to nurture some of the alternative ideas in quantum physics that today

form the basis of quantum information science.[672] The group became celebrities in San Francisco. *City of San Francisco Magazine* devoted two pages to them in 1975, shortly after the magazine was acquired by the film director Francis Ford Coppola. The spread included a photograph of Sarfatti, Saul-Paul Sirag, Fred Alan Wolf and Nick Herbert, and discussed them "going into trances, working at telepathy, [and] dipping into their subconscious in experiments toward psychic mobility."[673]

According to Kaiser, SRI asked Jack Sarfatti and the Fundamental Fysiks Group to use quantum theory, and specifically Bell's theorem, to explain what Geller appeared to be doing.[674] Outside government, groups within the Human Potential movement were also interested in quantum theory. Werner Erhard, founder of Erhard Seminars Training (EST), came into contact with Sarfatti and Fred Wolf. Among the activities of the EST Foundation was an annual conference in theoretical physics, which attracted leading names in theoretical physics of the era, including Stephen Hawking, Leonard Susskind and Richard Feynman. Erhard was especially interested in theoretical physics. Although he was born John Paul Rosenberg, from a Jewish father, in 1960 he chose to change his name, naming himself after then West German economics minister Ludwig Erhard and the German theoretical physicist a Werner Heisenberg (1901 – 1976).

The rumor was that Erhard said he changed his name to "give up Jewish weakness for German strength." [675] Heisenberg was one of the key pioneers of quantum mechanics, known for this development of the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, upon which he built his philosophy. Heisenberg was criticized by the Nazis as a "White Jew," but was protected from persecution by Heinrich Himmler, and was rehabilitated to the physics community during the Third Reich.[676] In 1939, shortly after the discovery of nuclear fission, Heisenberg was one of the principal scientists of the German nuclear energy project, also known as the Uranium Club. In December 1944, Heisenberg lectured in neutral Switzerland. The OSS sent former major league baseball catcher Moe Berg to attend the lecture carrying a pistol, with orders to shoot Heisenberg if his lecture indicated that Germany was close to completing an atomic

bomb. Heisenberg did not give such an indication, so Berg decided not to shoot him. After the war, Heisenberg was arrested under Operation Alsos and detained in England under Operation Epsilon. He was named director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Physics, shortly thereafter the Max Planck Institute for Physics, originally the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Physics, founded in 1917.[677] An agreement between the American Rockefeller Foundation and the Nazi government made it possible to fund a building for the Institute in Berlin. Heisenberg was its director until 1958.

Jack Sarfatti is an American theoretical physicist educated at Cornell, where as he explained, the "CIA finds many of its academics."[678] Several of his professors had worked on the Manhattan Project. From 1967 to 1971 Sarfatti worked as assistant professor of physics at San Diego State University, and in 1971–1972 worked at Birkbeck College, London with David Bohm, an American scientist who has been described as one of the most significant theoretical physicists of the twentieth century. Sarfatti also studied at the Cornell Space Science Centre, the UK Atomic Energy Research Establishment, and the Max Planck Institute for Physics in Munich. In 1973–1974 he conducted research into mini black holes at the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy.

Sarfatti was interested in the heritage of his name, a Sephardic Jewish surname, which literally means "French" in Hebrew. Sarfatti recounted that when he attended a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in 1980, he met with David Padwa, who had studied the family's history. Padwa, a mutual friend of Beat Poet Gregory Corso, and had travelled with Ram Dass to India. According to Padwa, they could be traced by to Medieval French rabbi Rashi de Troyes.[679]

Padwa recounted the Jewish tradition that one of Rashi's daughters went to Spain and that her descendants formed the Italian branch of the Sarfatis after the expulsion of the Ladinos peaking Spanish Jews in 1492. Jack also mentioned Samuel Sarfatti, the personal physician to Pope Julius II, and recounted that Samuel was a friend of Michelangelo, and had used his influence with the Pope to get Michelangelo the commission to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.[680] Sarfatti also claims to be "distantly" related to Margherita

Sarfatti, Mussolini's Jewish mistress and biographer. Sarfatti notes that Margherita's father was Amedeo Grassini was a long time close personal friend and financier to Pope Pius X, was called "The Pope's Jew," and that Margherita was called "The Uncrowned Queen of Italy" in the 1920's.[681]

Sarfatti, whose politics lean to the right, according to Kaiser,[682] dated a woman whose father was Dr. Robert Dickson Crane, a friend of Pat Buchanan and the former adviser to the late President of the United States Richard Nixon, and is former Deputy Director (for Planning) of the National Security Council. In 1962, Crane became one of the four co-founders of the first Washington-based foreign-policy think-tank, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). Sarfatti claims that Crane sent him a manuscript on the Kabbalah and the mystical union between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The woman's grandfather was Luftwaffe hero Hans Ulrich Rudel, a close friend of Savitri Devi and Otto Skorzeny, and one of the most popular and visible figures of the post-war neo-Nazi scene. [683] Rudel was also close friends with Savitri Devi. With the assistance of Otto Skorzeny, Rudel played an important role in recruiting large numbers of former Nazi fugitives from Argentina for key posts in Egypt.

Sarfatti describes that he was approached by a British agent who told him in 1974, "Doctor Sarfatti, it is my duty to inform you of a psychic war raging across the continents between the Soviet Union and your country."[684] Sarfatti confessed, "I was then simply a young, inexperienced, naive 'useful edit' in a very sophisticates and successful covert psychological operation run by Brendan O'Regan and Harold Chipman, who was the CIA chief responsible for all mind-control research in the Bay Area in the 70s." [685] O'Regan was former consultant to the Center for the Study of Social Policy at SRI, associate editor of the *International Journal of Psychoenergetic Systems*, research coordinator for Buckminster Fuller, and vice-president of research at IONS in 1975, until his death in 1992.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Herbert and Sirag organized a yearly Esalen Seminar on the "Nature of Reality," bringing together participants to discuss their interpretation of quantum mechanics. With Richard Shoup of Xerox PARC, Herbert constructed a

“Metaphase Typewriter,” a “quantum operated” device whose purpose was “to communicate with disembodied spirits.”[686] Sarfatti achieved some notoriety among Esalen circles as well for an invention that was supposed to transmit coded information faster than light that he purportedly remote-viewed the design of through contact with extra-terrestrials, or artificial intelligences from our future. [687] Sirag lived with Barbara Honegger, a source for the October Surprise conspiracy, who worked with Jim Hickman, Brendan O’Regan and Esalen founder Michael Murphy.[688] Honegger was a member of the 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign team and a Reagan White House policy analyst. Honegger also claimed that policy decisions for the basing of MX missiles were made by the Reagan staff under the belief that remote-viewing worked.[689]

In 1975, Erhard, Sarfatti and Michael Murphy set up a non-profit think tank at Esalen, the Physics-Consciousness Research Group (PCRG) with Sarfatti as president and Saul-Paul Sirag vice-president. The group included the Wolf, Herbert and Sirag, along with Fritjof Capra, Saul Paul, Henry Dakin, Robert Anton Wilson, Uri Geller, Barbara Honneger, Brendan O’Regan, George Leonard, Gary Zukav, Ira Einhorn, and artist Lynn Hershmann. Financed by Erhard, Jean Lanier and George Koopman, the PCRG funded the creation of books like Sarfatti’s *Space-Time and Beyond*, Capra’s *The Tao of Physics*, Gary Zukav’s *The Dancing Wu Li Masters*, Robert Anton Wilson’s *Cosmic Trigger I: The Final Secret of The Illuminati*, and David McClelland’s *The Roots of Consciousness*. Koopman, a close friend of Dan Akroyd, related that the PCRG was the inspiration for the film *Ghost Busters*. According to Sarfatti, Koopman “provided money through military contracts with the Air Force and the U.S. Army Tank Command funneled through his company Insgroup in Irvine, California.”[690]

Many of the PCRG’s members, Sarfatti reports, including John Lilly and Claudio Naranjo, had participated in the first Arica training in Chile. Naranjo, like Idries Shah, was also a member of the US Club of Rome, and in 1969 he was sought out as a consultant for the Education Policy Research Center, created by Willis Harman at SRI. [691] Sarfatti reported that Koopman had also successfully spied on the Arica organization, which was started in Chile by high ranking

Nazi fugitives, '"who were masters of the occult."[692] Sarfatti was told by Jan Brewer that the Nazi "Fourth Reich" was using Arica to influence the New Age.[693] Brewer eventually became the 22nd Governor of the state of Arizona, from 2009 to 2015, and recently endorsed the candidacy of Donald Trump for president of the US, praising his views on immigration.

Unicorn Killer

While serving as his "literary agent," influential counterculture guru and Esalen teacher Ira Einhorn introduced Sarfatti to Arthur M. Young, and also offered to introduce him to Steward Brand.[694] According to Sarfatti, Einhorn was very concerned about "Soviet breakthroughs in psychotronic weapons of mind control at a distance using ELF and sound waves." [695] Einhorn's concerns were related to claims made by Puharich during a lecture at King's College in London, when he warned the audience that the humming in the ears experienced by millions of people around the world, riots in Canada, the Peking earthquake in that same year, and Legionnaire's disease, were all the result of a new Soviet weapon, which demonstrated the potential for mind control on a global scale. Puharich claimed the Soviets were at least 20 years ahead of the Americans in this area. [696] Puharich further claimed to have been working for the Canadian government to investigate the effects of low frequency radiation exploited by the Soviets, and had recently advised President Jimmy Carter and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Puharich asserted that, based on the work of Nikola Tesla, the Soviets had built two transmitters near Riga and Gomel in Western USSR, intended to control people, as the ELF are close to those of the human brain at the time of psychic activity. Various pulse rates can cause effects ranging from drowsiness to aggression. The only counter-measure, according to Puharich, is to meditate in order to produce brain wave pattern to negate the effect.[697]

Einhorn later achieved notoriety as the "Unicorn Killer," after he beat his ex-girlfriend Holly Maddux to death, and then stored her body in a locker in his apartment for more than a year before she was discovered by the police. Einhorn spent weeks at Esalen after

he was indicted for the murder. Senator Arlen Specter was his defense attorney and one of the Bronfmans from Toronto allegedly paid his legal fees. Specter served as assistant counsel for the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of JFK and helped devise the “single-bullet theory.” In his own defense, Einhorn claimed that Maddux was murdered by CIA agents who attempted to frame Esalen for the crime due to Einhorn’s investigations on the Cold War and “psychotronics.”[698]

Lab Nine

Einhorn, referred to the group of scientists with Puharich as part of his “psychic mafia,” as a collection of researchers committed to bringing psychic and paranormal phenomena into the mainstream. [699] In the early 1970s, Sarfatti and Einhorn had joined Puharich and Geller at his new headquarters in Ossining, New York. At Ossining, known as his “Turkey Farm,” Puharich experimented on the children, referred to as Geller Kids or Space Kids, in order to contact extraterrestrial intelligences. Puharich had achieved the level of master hypnotist, providing him such abilities as the “instant command technique,” and regularly hypnotized his young subjects in the belief that their powers allowed them to communicate with “aliens.” Astronaut Gordon Cooper briefly described how Puharich used a Faraday cage for experiments in his book, *Leap of Faith*.[700] As Steven Levy wrote, “The Kids describe strange cities with science-fiction trappings and claim to be messengers from these distant civilisations.”[701] The purpose of the Space Kids project was also to determine whether the children possessed the ability as intelligence tools. Puharich trained the children in remote viewing, providing target locations that included military or intelligence installations, including the Pentagon, the Kremlin and even the White House.[702]

In 1971, under Puharich’s supervision, Geller had started to channel “Spectra,” an entity which claimed to be a conscious super-computer aboard a spaceship. When Puharich suggested to the entity there might be a connection with The Nine he had contacted earlier, Spectra agreed. The Nine claimed that they had programed

Geller with his powers as a young child, and that he was the chosen savior of mankind and had been given the ability to contact flying saucers and perform paranormal phenomena such as psychokinesis, spoon bending, telepathy and teleportation. According to Puharich the computers sent messages to warn humanity that a disaster is likely to occur if humans do not change their ways. Through Geller, The Nine claimed to have been behind the UFO sightings starting with Kenneth Arnold in 1947, and alerted Puharich to his life's mission, which was to use Geller's talents to alert the world to an imminent mass landing of spaceships that would bring representatives of The Nine.

Geller had finally turned his back on The Nine, saying: "I think somebody is playing games with us. Perhaps they are a civilization of clowns."[703] Puharich had to find other channels. He joined up with British aristocrat and former racing driver Sir John Whitmore and Florida-based psychic and healer Phyllis Schlemmer, who had reportedly also done work for Israeli intelligence, who became the spokesperson for The Nine. Puharich, Whitmore and Schlemmer then set up Lab Nine at Puharich's estate in Ossining. The Nine's disciples had included multi-millionaire businessmen, members of Canada's Bronfman family, European nobility, scientists from SRI, AMORC member Gene Roddenberry the creator of *Star Trek*, and Einhorn. Einhorn claimed to have backing from the local telephone company and from the Bronfmans to recruit scientists like Sarfatti. [704] Lab Nine broke up in 1978 after a series of mysterious events that culminated in an arson attack on the Ossining estate, and he fled to Mexico, claiming that he was being persecuted by the CIA. The persecution was supposedly the result of his efforts to expose the scientific developments of the Soviets in mind control.

Puharich and Whitmore commissioned British writer Stuart Holroyd to write an account of their adventures, which appeared in 1977 as *Prelude to the Landing on Planet Earth*. In this book the Nine confessed to being the *Elohim* of the Old Testament, and the Aeons of Gnosticism who visited Earth from the star of Sirius. Their spokesperson was an entity called "Tom" who was revealed as being Atum, the creator-god of the ancient Egyptian religion, and with the other nine composing the Great Ennead of Heliopolis.

Another Nine channeller was an Englishwoman named Jenny O'Connor, who was introduced to Werner Erhard through Whitmore. Jenny and The Nine were installed at Esalen for a period overlapping with visits by physicist Heinz Pagels, Congressman Charlie Rose, Ira Einhorn, and high ranking Russians from Georgy Arbatov's Moscow Institute of US and Canada, which was influential during Gorbachev's time.[705]

Through Jenny, The Nine counseled John C. Lilly to set aside his research projects and go to the dolphins and spend some time with them in their natural habitat.[706] The 1980 movie *Altered States*, starting William Hurt, is partly based on Lilly's life. Lilly is known for his work on dolphin-human communication, as well as his experiments using hallucinogens while floating in isolation tanks. Lilly's Communications Research Institute (CRI), founded in 1958 to study dolphins in the Virgin Islands, was partially funded by the Air Force, NASA, NIHM, the National Science Foundation, and the Navy.[707] In 1963, Gregory Bateson was hired as the associate director of research for Lilly's CRI.[708] Lilly apparently gave dolphins LSD and told a story of one dolphin who seduced a man into having sex with her in a holding tank.[709]

Jenny and The Nine became so influential at Esalen that they held seminars and were, strangely enough, listed on the Institute's staff, with Richard Price seeking their advice for administrative decisions, which included ordering the sacking of its chief finance officer and the reorganization of its entire management structure. *Mother Jones* commented on the development with the headline: "Esalen Slides off the Cliff." According to Eric Erickson, who lived and worked at Esalen for more than 25 years, "the Nine were much better known for performing the role of extraterrestrial hatchet men than for giving psychic insight into how Esalen might actually improve operations."[710]

11. New Age

Age of Aquarius

Willis Harman's protégé and also a director of IONS, Marilyn Ferguson, was the author of the 1980 bestseller *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, which became regarded as the "handbook of the New Age." As an indication of who represents the modern leaders of this "conspiracy," Ferguson conducted a survey of 185 leaders of the New Age and Human Potential Movement and found that they answered that the most influential thinkers in their lives were, in order, first was Teilhard de Chardin, followed by Carl Jung, Aldous Huxley, Abraham Maslow and Jiddu Krishnamurti. Nazi sympathizer and CIA collaborator Carl Jung was convinced that he had been chosen by God for a prophetic mission to herald the dawning Age of Aquarius, and it is through him that the idea became a mainstay of the counterculture of the 1960s and the 1970.[711] Scholars have listed Jung among the five chief influences of twentieth-century occultism, in addition Blavatsky, Rudolf Steiner, Gurdjieff and René Guénon. Jung is the father of the "New Age" phenomenon, and coined many of the concepts employed by New Age writers, such as synchronicity, archetypes, collective unconscious, and individuation.[712] Jung appeared on the album cover of the Beatles' 1967 *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, along with H.G. Wells, Aldous Huxley, William S. Burroughs, and Madame Blavatsky. Fifth Dimension had a hit song from the musical *Hair* echoing Jung's ideas, and millions of people all over the world believed it was "the dawning of the Age of Aquarius."[713]

In "Aion," Jung calculated that, according to the longitude of the stars in Ptolemy's *Almagest*, the next Platonic month, the Age of Aquarius, that would succeed the Age of Pisces would begin in 1997.[714] According to Jung:

> …Considering the terrible time in which we are living… it reminds me of… those dark centuries when the culture of antiquity was gradually falling into decay. Now once again we are in a time of decay and transition,… The vernal equinox is moving out of the sign of Pisces into the sign of Aquarius,… Our apocalyptic epoch… contains the seeds of a different, unprecedented, and still inconceivable future…[715]

The New Age movement is the ultimate millenarian movement. Although it is not typically associated with Christianity, the movement's expectation of the coming of a "New Age of Aquarius" is derived ultimately from the *Book of Revelation*. As noted in *New World Encyclopedia*, the New Age movement was highly influenced by Joachim of Fiore's divisions of time, and transformed the Three Ages philosophy into astrological themes. The Age of the Father was recast as the Age of Aries, the Age of the Son became the Age of Pisces, and the Age of the Holy Spirit was called the Aquarian New Age. The coming "Age of Aquarius" will supposedly witness the development of a number of great changes for humankind, reflecting the typical features of millennialism.[716]

The Age of Aquarius is derived from the Bible, but from a Gnostic interpretation, in other words, heretical Christianity. It is stripped of its Christian language through the influence of Theosophy, which sees Eastern mysticism as the true source of the Jewish Kabbalah. The movement is not only founded on contact with discarnate entities, a practice known as channeling, but also on exploring the hidden physical properties of nature and of humans, otherwise known as magic, which they characterize as "human potential." And for occultists embedded in the military, they believe these hidden forces can be tapped to participate in their goal of accelerating the apocalypse.

Rockefeller Brothers

The New Age movement is intertwined with the environmental movement, which is heavily funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The Rockefeller Brothers Fund was founded in 1940 as the

primary philanthropic vehicle for the five third-generation Rockefeller brothers: John D. Rockefeller III, Nelson, Laurance, Winthrop and David. Laurance was president of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund for nearly 20 years, while he served in politics as governor of New York (1958-74) and then as Gerald Ford's vice-president (1975-77). From 1956 to 1960, the Fund financed a study conceived by its then president, Nelson Rockefeller, to analyze the challenges facing the United States. Henry Kissinger was recruited to direct the project. Seven panels were constituted that looked at issues including military strategy, foreign policy, international economic strategy, governmental reorganization, and the nuclear arms race.[717] According to Nelson Rockefeller biographer Joseph E. Persico, the fund's 1958 report *Prospect for America* was so influential "that during the 1960 election, both parties lifted from it for their platforms. The very emblem of the Kennedy administration was taken from a section of the Rockefeller Brothers' report entitled 'The New Frontiers.'"[718]

As Peter Collier and David Horowitz reported in *The Rockefellers*, in the 1960s most of the family's cousins used their wealth to fuel radical causes.[719] After John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s widow, Martha Baird Rockefeller, died in 1971, she left her $72 million estate to charity–including $10 million to the Rockefeller Family Fund. Laurance Rockefeller's daughter Marion wrote in an internal memo for the other cousins, "The task as we see it is often to attack the very political and economic forces which perpetuate the tax deductible contribution… We think the Fund has an obligation to seek out organizations like American Friends Service Committee, Friends of the Earth, Pacifica stations, American Documentary Films et al. and support them regardless of their tax status."[720] "The Rockefeller Family Fund, explains Martin Morse Wooster, "has been a consistently leftist funding vehicle ever since. And the cousins gradually rose in influence at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, a transition marked by David Rockefeller Jr.'s succeeding his father as the fund's chairman in 1983."[721]

Despite the fact that the major source of their wealth has been fossil fuels, the Rockefeller agenda heavily backed the cause of global warming and sustainable development, which has been

mostly advanced by the Club of Rome, founded in April 1968 by Aurelio Peccei and Alexander King. Peccei also became active in organizations like the World Wildlife Fund, Friends of the Earth and the International Ocean Institute.[722] Friends of the Earth (FOE) was founded in 1969 in San Francisco by David Brower, Donald Aitken and Gary Soucie after Brower's split with the Sierra Club, and has received funding from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.[723] The Club of Rome raised considerable public attention with its report *Limits to Growth* (1972), which sold 12 million copies in more than 30 translations, making it the best-selling environmental book in world history. The result of a ground-breaking exercise in cybernetic modelling at MIT, it predicted a Malthusian scenario, which forecasted that economic growth could not continue indefinitely because of the limited availability of natural resources, particularly oil.

Aquarian Conspiracy

The Club of Rome helps coordinate an international network of environmental agencies, whose ultimate purpose is to use the movement to promote New Age ideas, as the worship of "Mother Nature," an idea rooted in neopaganism.

Marilyn Ferguson, in *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, referring to this network—which in addition to environmental groups also includes peace groups, human rights groups, and groups fighting hunger—quotes Peccei as saying that they represent "the yeast of change… scattered, myriad spontaneous groupings of people springing up here and there like antibodies in a sick organism."[724] Ferguson was inspired in the choice of her title when she read about a speech by Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau—father of Justin, the current Prime Minister—to the United Nations Habitat Conference in Vancouver, where he quoted a passage where synarchist Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin called for a "conspiracy of love."

Andrija Puharich, the prioneer the CIA's experiments into the paranormal, claimed to have been working for the Canadian government to investigate the effects of low frequency radiation exploited by the Soviets, and to have advised Trudeau and President

Jimmy Carter.[725] Trudeau became a very close friend of Fidel Castro, who according to historian Maurice Halperin, was "apparently was convinced that some of his ancestors were Marranos."[726] In 2017, the suicide of Fidel Castro's oldest son, Fidelito, spurred reports on several sites claiming that Fidelito left a suicide note referring to Justin Trudeau as his half-brother.[727] Justin's birth was purportedly the result of an affair between the Cuban leader and Pierre's notoriously promiscuous wife Margaret (née Sinclair). Over time, the Pierre and Margaret's marriage deteriorated, and Margaret smuggled drugs in the prime minister's luggage, made scantily-clad appearances at Studio 54. As recounted in her book, she had an affair with US Senator Ted Kennedy. She associated with members of the *Rolling Stones*, including Ronnie Wood and, according to Keith Richards' autobiography, *Life, Mick Jagger*. The current Aga Khan, Prince Shah Karim Al Husseini, hereditary head of the Assassins, is a Trudeau family friend. In 2017, Canada's Ethics Commissioner, began an investigation into Justin for a vacation he and his family took to Aga Khan's private island in the Bahamas.[728]

The Aquarian Conspiracy was praised by author and CIA agent and GRECE member Arthur Koestler, who called it "stunning and provocative." Psychologist Carl Rogers credited her with having "etched, in unforgettable vividness, the intricate web of changes shaping the inevitable revolution in our culture," and said the book "gives the pioneering spirit the courage to go forward."[729] Philosopher and religious scholar Jacob Needleman also predicted that the book would help to make "New Age" thinking "more understandable and less threatening" to the general public in America.[730] *The Aquarian Conspiracy* steadily climbed the best-seller list, and was credited by *USA Today* as "the handbook of the New Age" and by *New York Times* as "working its way increasingly into the nation's cultural, religious, social, economic and political life."[731]

Others frequently mentioned in Ferguson's survey included: Hermann Hesse, Alfred North Whitehead, Margaret Mead, Gregory Bateson, Alan Watts, Sri Aurobindo, D.T. Suzuki, Thomas Merton,

Willis Harman, Erich Fromm, John Lilly, Werner Erhard, Oscar Ichazo, Buckminster Fuller, Alfred Korzybski and Marshall McLuhan, who is also celebrated throughout Ferguson's book. Korbzynski, a Polish-American independent scholar who developed a field called General Semantics, was a Russian intelligence agent who emigrated to the US, and also had contact with Aufau member Boris Brasol, and the so-called "brain trust" of the America First Committee. After he moved to New York in 1921, Korbzynski was immersed in a period he called "the longest hatred," before renouncing his anti-Semitism.[732]

Drawing on the philosophical background of Zen, Watts introduced ideas drawn from general semantics directly from the writings of Alfred Korzybski, and also from Norbert Wiener's early work on cybernetics, which had recently been published. Watts offered analogies from cybernetic principles possibly applicable to the Zen life. The book sold well, eventually becoming a modern classic, and helped widen his lecture circuit. In 1958, Watts toured parts of Europe with his father, and met Carl Jung.

In 1961, Ferguson along with Abraham Maslow, renowned psychologist known for his theory of "Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs," founded the Association for Humanistic Psychology, of which futurist Barbara Marx Hubbard was a past president. While in New York teaching at Brooklyn College, Maslow had helped sexologist Alfred Kinsey with sex research.[733] Maslow and his network, explains Ferguson, accepted the invitation extended by Hubbard in 1967 to a thousand people around the world, to form a "human front" of those who shared a belief in the possibility of transcendent consciousness. A Jewish agnostic, Hubbard was the daughter of Louis Marx, whose toy company was the largest in the world in the 1950s. Barbara's sister Patricia was the second wife of Daniel Ellsberg, an employee of the RAND Corporation, whom she assisted in the release of the *Pentagon Papers*, which precipitated a national controversy in 1971.

Marilyn Ferguson claimed that "spirits of the dead" help her write her book.[734] Likewise, Hubbard has long been influenced by spirits as well. She implicitly obeys a voice that tells her what to do: "Whenever I heard it, I was deeply relieved and joyful, and set about to follow its guidance minute by minute." She also confesses that

she has united herself with this spirit. She explained, “The higher voice and my conscious mind began to weave together. It was sometimes difficult to tell which voice was speaking. Barbara’s voice or the higher voice” and “then the ‘voice’ which until now had seemed to be my own “Higher Self’, became elevated and was transformed into an even Higher Voice, the Christ voice. I felt an electrifying prison of light, a field that lifted me up.”[735]

Hubbard ran for vice-president for the Democratic Party in 1984, and shared the following overt Masonic symbolism in her speech to the national convention:

> Our forbears set for the vision. It is written on the dollar bill, as it is written in our hearts: *E Pluribus Unum*, “Out of Many One.” *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, “A New Order of the Ages.” You see the unfinished pyramid with the cosmic eye. This means, that when we combine our magnificent building power with our spirit and love, we will have a New World Order of the Ages.[736]

Although less well-known, due to her vast financial wealth and influence among leading world politicians, industrialists, etc., Hubbard is having a major impact behind the scenes. Hubbard is a fellow of the Club of Budapest and of the Laszlo New-Paradigm Leadership Center. She established the first Chair in Conscious Evolution at Wisdom University Graduate School and is a member of many progressive groups, including the Evolutionary Leaders Group, the Transformational Leadership Council, and the Association for Global New Thought. Hubbard has been called “the voice for conscious evolution…” by Deepak Chopra, and according to Buckminster Fuller, “There is no doubt in my mind that Barbara Marx Hubbard—who helped introduce the concept of futurism to society—is the best informed human now alive regarding futurism and the foresights it has produced.”[737]

Another important personality in the field of transpersonal psychology is Jean Houston, who also collaborated with Hubbard. Houston, who is notorious for her name-dropping, claimed to have been a friend of Maslow from a very young age, and that Margaret Mead was her friend and mentor.[738] After working with Leary at

Harvard and Millbrook, Michael Hollingshead set up a New York-based project of his own together with Jean Houston.[739] Jean Houston is also the founder and principal teacher, since 1983, of the Mystery School, now called the Renaissance of Spirit. As revealed in a book by Bob Woodward, during the Clinton presidential years, first lady Hillary Clinton became close with Houston who assisted her in communing with the deceased Eleanor Roosevelt and Gandhi.[740]

Ferguson was inspired by the Human Potential Movement to write *The Brain Revolution: The Frontiers of Mind Research* in 1973. Two years later Ferguson launched Brain/Mind Bulletin, which at its peak in the 1980s had a worldwide base of some 10,000 subscribers, and which helped to popularize the ideas of such notables as physicists Fritjof Capra and David Bohm, psychologist Jean Houston and many others. Capra, a member of the faculty at Esalen, is the author of several books, including the international bestseller, *The Tao of Physics*. Ferguson eventually earned numerous honorary degrees, and befriended such diverse figures as Buckminster Fuller, Ram Dass, Nobel Prize-winning chemist Ilya Prigogine and billionaire Ted Turner. Ferguson's work also influenced Vice President Al Gore, who participated in her informal network while a senator and later met with her in the White House.

UN Assistant Secretary-General and prominent New Ager Robert Muller described Ferguson's book as "remarkable" and "epoch-making." Muller was the recipient of the Teilhard Foundation Award for his important contribution to shaping the UN, an "institution that functions so specifically in the spirit of the Noosphere."[741] Muller, who served as Assistant Secretary-General of the UN for forty years, was also the former vice president of the Teilhard Center. Robert Muller wrote that, "Teilhard had always viewed the United Nations as the progressive institutional embodiment of his philosophy."[742] He also noted:

> …Teilhard de Chardin influenced his companion [Father de Breuvery], who inspired his colleagues, who started a rich process of global and long-term thinking in the UN, which affected many nations and people around the world. I have myself been deeply influenced by Teilhard.[743]

Teilhard exercised a formative influence on the direction of the UN. On September 20 to 21, 1983, at the UN headquarters in New York, an international colloquium was held in honor of Teilhard. In a message to participants, secretary-general H.E. Javier Perez de Cuellar mentioned that he, as did his predecessors Dag Hammarskjöld and U Thant, revered Teilhard as one of the contemporary thinkers who exercised great influence on them.[744]

Lindisfarne Center

IONS has maintained close ties with the Temple of Understanding, founded by Bailey's Lucis Trust. The Temple of Understanding has NGO status and worked out of the United Nations premises directly until in 1984 it shifted headquarters to Manhattan's historic Cathedral of St. John the Divine, dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, the author of the *Gospel of John* and the *Book of Revelation*, and the patron saint of Freemasonry. Construction on the cathedral was begun with the laying of the cornerstone on December 27, 1892, St. John's Day. Freemasons historically celebrate two feasts of Saint John. The feast of John the Baptist falls on 24 June, and that of John the Evangelist on 27 December, roughly marking mid-summer and mid-winter, coinciding with traditional pagan festivals. The Cathedral is replete with occult symbolism and often features unusual performances.

The Cathedral also houses the Lindisfarne Center founded in 1972 by William Irwin Thomson, a former professor of humanities from MIT and Syracuse University. The Lindisfarne was inspired by the philosophy of Alfred North Whitehead's idea of an integral philosophy of organism, and by Teilhard de Chardin's idea of planetization. Lindisfarne functioned as a sponsor of New Age events and lectures as well as a think tank and retreat, similar to the Esalen Institute with which it shared several members like Gregory Bateson and Michael Murphy.

The center was funded by Jean Lanier of the Physics-Consciousness Research Group and Laurance Rockefeller. Lindisfarne has also been supported by the Lilly Endowment, one of the world's largest private philanthropic foundations and among the

largest endowments in the United States, as well as by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and Rockefeller Foundation. The Rockefeller Foundation is a traditional front of the CIA. The Lilly Endowment was established in 1937 by the company Eli Lilly and Company, which was later contracted by the CIA to produced LSD in 1953 under Subproject 18 of MK-Ultra.[745] Lindisfarne listed among its faculty members Stewart Brand, Teilhard de Chardin-influenced Gaia theory biologist James Lovelock, and Luciferian adept and New Age author David Spangler, who is often referred to as the "Father of the New Age."[746]

Earth Summit

At the same time, the Club of Rome published the report Limits to Growth, the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment took place in the summer of 1972 in Stockholm, Sweden. One of the key results of this historical meeting was the adoption by participants of a declaration of principles and action plan to fight pollution. In 1984, the United Nations Assembly gave Gro Harlem Brundtland, then Prime Minister of Norway, the mandate to form and preside over the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED), to draw up a profile of environmental issues and develop an action plan defining the objectives of the international community in matters pertaining to development and environmental protection. The Commission's work led to the release in 1987 of the report *Our Common Future*, also called the *Brundtland Report*, which popularized the term "sustainable development" and its definition. In line with the report published by the Club of Rome in 1972, *Limits to Growth*, the report identifies the world-scale problems compromising the health and security of humanity and the ecological equilibrium on which life depends.

The WCED laid the foundations for the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), held at the June 1992 UN Earth Summit in Brazil, whose Secretary-General was Maurice Strong, the Finance Director of the Lindisfarne Center. Strong, who has also been associated with IONS, had been heralded as the "indispensable man" at the center of the U.N.'s global power. Strong

got his start with the Demarais' Power Corporation of Canada, and later became CEO of Petro-Canada, and then under-secretary general of the United Nations. He has served as director of the World Future Society, trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation and Aspen Institute, and is a member of the Club of Rome. He was a founding member the Planetary Citizens founded by Donald Keys, a disciple of Alice Bailey. In the early 1970s, he was Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and then became the founder and first Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), an agency of the United Nations, coordinates the organization's environmental activities and assists developing countries in implementing environmentally sound policies and practices.

During his address at the Earth Summit, which *Time* magazine described as a "New Age carnival," Edmund de Rothschild quoted Teilhard de Chardin, who said, "Man can harness the wind, the waves and the tides, but when he can harness the energy of love, then for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire." The idea of an Earth Charter originated in 1987, when the UN World Commission on Environment and Development called for a new charter to guide the transition to sustainable development. One of the principal creators of the Earth Charter was Steven Clark Rockefeller, who is professor emeritus of Religion at Middlebury College and an advisory trustee of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

A famous product of the Earth Summit was Agenda 21, a non-binding action plan of the United Nations with regard to sustainable development. The "21" in Agenda 21 refers to the 21st century. President George H.W. Bush was one of the 178 heads of government around the world who signed the final text of the agreement, and in the same year, Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Eliot Engel and William Broomfield spoke in support of United States House of Representatives Concurrent Resolution 353, supporting implementation of Agenda 21 in the United States.[747]

Baca Ranch

In about 1978, Maurice Strong and his wife Hanne Strong acquired an approximately 132,000-acre ranch in the San Luis Valley from Adnan Khashoggi. The San Luis Valley is one of the areas of most intense paranormal activity in the US. So frequent are such reports in the valley that a UFO "watchtower" was erected. "From the fall of 1966 through the spring of 1970 there were hundreds of unidentified flying object sightings and many of the first documented cases of unusual animal deaths ever reported," notes Christopher Obrien, in *The Mysterious Valley*, a website dedicated to a study of the strange occurrences and sightings in the region. "During peak 'UFO' sighting waves in the late 1960s dozens of cars would literally 'line the roads' watching the amazing aerial displays of unknown lights as they cavorted around the sky above the Great Sand Dunes/Dry Lakes area."[748]

A mystic had informed Maurice and his wife Hanna that the ranch, which they call "the Baca," "would become the center for a new planetary order which would evolve from the economic collapse and environmental catastrophes that would sweep the globe in the years to come." The Strongs say they regard the Baca, which they also refer to as "The Valley Of the Refuge Of World Truths," as the paradigm for the entire planet. The first groups to join the Strongs in setting up operations at the site were the Aspen Institute and the Lindisfarne Association. The Baca is replete with monasteries, and Ashram, Vedic temple, Native American shamans, Hindu temple, ziggurat, and subterranean Zen Buddhist center. Shirley MacLaine's astrologer told her to move to the Baca, and she did. Various reports indicate that visitors to Crestone have included such extremely high-powered personages as Laurence Rockefeller, David Rockefeller, Robert McNamara (then President of the World Bank), Edmond de Rothschild, British Prime Minister James Callahan, journalist Bill Moyers, and Henry Kissinger, sometimes described as CEO of the New World Order. A local rumor even has it that when Henry Kissinger visited, he proclaimed: "We will rule the world from here."[749]

Baca is south of Crestone, Colorado, has been hailed as "the Vatican City of the New World Order?" Crestone would house Strong's Manitou Foundation. Manitou Foundation also received

initial donations of $100,000 from Laurence Rockefeller and $20,000 from Robert O. Anderson, former head of ARCO and director of the Aspen Institute of Colorado, which was located in Crestone at that time. Many New Age personalities have spoken in Crestone. Michael Murphy, the founder of Esalen, visited the community. At a lecture and guided meditation, Barbara Marx Hubbard informed her audience that a new and more spiritually-evolved kind of human is now appearing on earth. Hubbard maintained there is now a splintering of Homo sapiens into two separate species, of higher and lower spiritual capacities.

Also part of the Manitou Foundation at Crestone is James Hurtak's Dharma Ocean. Although he has never been officially employed by SRI, James Hurtak has retained close contact with its senior figures. A former professor at California State University, Northridge and California State University, Los Angeles, Hurtak's educational background includes a PhD from the University of California and a second PhD from the University of Minnesota. Although Hurtak has never been officially employed by SRI, he has retained close contact with its senior figures. Hurtak established himself as a New Age guru, travelling the world giving workshops on his book of channeled revelations, *The Keys of Enoch*, published originally in 1973*,* is a book of channeled revelations from The Nine, which he claims he was chosen to receive. William Dean Ross, author of *Catch a Falling Star*, explained that Hurtak's book "is the New Age Bible to eliminate all undesirables and bring in the Ascended Masters on a Mothership. The U.S.—the new Atlantis—is the major landing zone."[750]

According to The Nine, all the races of the earth are therefore part extra-terrestrial, or "divine," except the Blacks however, who are the only truly indigenous race of Earth. According to Hurtak in *The Keys of Enoch*, his guides Enoch and Metatron advised him not to allow his "…seed to marry with the fallen races of the earth."[751] Hurtak was told that the Holocaust as a sad tragedy necessary for the creation of the state of Israel, an important part of the plan for Earth: "The greatest portion of these six million came at that time to sacrifice self, to make your planet aware that there were those who would attempt to rule and control humanity."[752] Ultimately, according

to The Nine, Jesus and Jehovah are one and the same, and have a special relationship to The Nine. Jesus was “the last of us to visit planet Earth.” The Second Coming will be a mass landing of extra-terrestrials, when Jesus will return as the Messiah of the Jews.

In 1975, Hurtak participated in the First Psychic Tournament in 1975 as part of Gnosticon, sometimes called the Gnostica Aquarian Convention. The events, which attracted many of the best-known Witches, Wiccans, Magicians and Neopagans of the time from all around the world, were covered in 1974 in *Playboy Magazine* by Canadian author Mordecai Richler.

Human Potential Foundation

John B. Alexander’s cohort, C.B. “Scott” Jones, a veteran of US Navy intelligence, was the president of the Human Potential Foundation, which was funded by Laurance Rockefeller. Jones was one of the aides Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island who founded the organization in 1989. Pell’s mentor was Averell Harriman. Also a member of the CFR, Pell was a very powerful figure in Washington, having served as Chairman of the Senate’s Foreign Relations Committee from 1987 to 1994. Pell was mentor to former Vice-President Al Gore, with whom he shares an avid interest in the paranormal, with both supporting government-funded research into the matter. Pell was also a leading member of the Club of Rome as well as friend of its founder Aurelio Peccei.[753]

C.B. Scott Jones has been head of the CIA-connected Rockefeller Foundation for some time and chairs the American Society for Psychical Research (ASPR).[754] Jones worked in the private sector research and development community involved in the US government sponsored projects for the Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA), Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command. He has briefed the President’s Scientific Advisory Committee, and has testified before House and Senate committees on intelligence matters.[755]

From 1985 to 1991 C.B. Scott Jones was employed as a member of Pell’s staff for the stated purpose of studying paranormal phenomena, as reported in 1990 by *The Washington Post*.[756] Jones

worked for Pell until it emerged that during the months before the Persian Gulf War, while in the employ of Pell, Jones wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, expressing concern that the word “Simone” appeared when audiotapes of Cheney’s speeches were played backwards. Jones had been investigating “reverse-speech therapy”. Addressing him as “Dear Dick”, Jones wrote to Cheney out of a concern that Simone might be a “code word that would not be in the national interest to be known.”[757]

The Human Potential Foundation’s activities included the studies of the social effects of alien contact and the most effective methods for lobbying Congress.[758] Its employees included Dick Farley, who resigned over concern that the Council of Nine exercised increasing influence over politicians and decision-makers. He wrote that The Nine “maintain a working network of physicists and psychics, intelligence operatives and powerful billionaires, who are less concerned about their ‘source’ and its weirdness than they are about having every advantage and new data edge in what *they* believe is a battle for Earth itself.”[759]

Soviet-American Exchange Program

While he was also pursuing research into Russian advances in parapsychology, Esalen founder Michael Murphy and his wife, Dulce, met Jim Hickman, who had trained in psychology and traveled to the USSR in 1972. Hickman also worked with Barbara Honegger, whose lover was Saul-Paul Sirag of Sarfatti’s Fundamental Fysiks Group. [760] In that same year, Hickman traveled to Tbilisi, Georgia, to speak at a conference on the Freud’s theory of the unconscious and there he encountered one of their most important connections, microbiologist and hypnotherapist Joseph Goldin. As Sarah Laskow remarked in “How a Famed New Age Retreat Center Helped End the Cold War,” “What had begun as a project to find common cause with Soviets around human potential grew to include this progressively more political mission.” [761] In 1982, Esalen and Goldin pioneered the first U.S.–Soviet Space Bridge, allowing Soviet and American citizens to speak directly with one another via satellite communication.

In 1979, Hickman also participated in channeling sessions at Esalen with The Nine, through medium Jenny O Conner, who was introduced to Werner Erhard through Puharich's Lab Nine partner Sir John Whitmore. Price joked about their agreement to disagree: "He puts up with my ETI and I put up with his KGB." Likewise, Price would also sometimes tease Murphy about his "Three Rs": running, writing and Russians.[762] Jack Sarfatti hinted that the Esalen-UFO connection at this time was significant. According to Sarfatti, "The fact remains, the iron post of observation that a bunch of apparently California New Age flakes into UFOs and psychic phenomena—including myself—had made their way into the highest levels of the American ruling class and the Soviet Union and today run the Gorbachev Foundation."[763]

Joe Montville, an Esalen figure and career diplomat claimed that Gorbachev's new ideological directions were taken from cues developed at Esalen.[764] In the 1980s, with the collapse of the Soviet Union in sight, given the damage incurred by the CIA's covert war in Afghanistan, Murphy and his wife Dulce were instrumental in organizing the Soviet-American Exchange Program with Soviet citizen Joseph Goldin, in order to provide a vehicle for citizen-to-citizen relations between Russians and Americans. Laurance Rockefeller provided seed funding. Murphy also noted that, through his long involvement with the Esalen Soviet-American Exchange Program, the role of Joseph Montville, a career foreign service officer, was to give an "unauthorized but symbolically very important blessing from the Department of State."[765]

Gorbachev was also an honorary member of the Club of Budapest founded by Ervin Laszlo, a member of Willis Harman's "Changing Images of Man" project at SRI. Based in Hungary behind the Iron Curtain, in 1984 Laszlo was co-founder of the initially secret General Evolutionary Research Group. Meeting behind the Iron Curtain, the group of scientists and thinkers from a variety of disciplines met in secret. Their goal was to explore whether it might be possible to use chaos theory to identify a new general theory of evolution that might serve as a path to a better world. In 1993, in response to his experience with the Club of Rome, he founded the Club of Budapest. Other Ervin Laszlo members have included Willis

Harman, Edgar Mitchell, Barbara Marx Hubbard, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jane Goodall, Elie Wiesel, Peter Gabriel, Robert Muller, Arthur C. Clarke, Peter Ustinov, Ravi Shankar, Vaclav Havel and Deepak Choprah.

A former president of the exchange program was American author and theologian Jim Garrison, a member of the Institute for Noetic Science (IONS).[766] Garrison took over as director of the program early in 1985, just a few months before Mikhail Gorbachev became General Secretary of the Soviet Union's Communist Party, and approved of Gorbachev and his reforming work in the Soviet Union. Gorbachev himself endorsed the "Roerich idea," which he wished to use to revitalize a Soviet ideology. Gorbachev and his wife Raisa, who grew up in the Altai region, enjoyed a warm relationship with Roerich's younger son, the artist Sviatoslav. Roerich's prestige was raised to unprecedented levels in 1987 when at a meeting with Sviatoslav, Gorbachev began speaking with approval about the "Roerich idea," praising the Roerich family as "cultural pillars" and "outstanding representatives of our country." In 1989, Gorbachev, supported by Sviatoslav and the academician Dmitrii Likhachev, the government's chief adviser on cultural affairs, allocated funds for the creation of a Soviet Roerich Foundation to locate and gather Roerich's art, manuscripts, and belongings, and a Center-Museum to stimulate Roerich studies.

After Gorbachev stepped down, and effectively dissolved the Soviet Union, Garrison helped establish The State of the World Forum in 1995, with Gorbachev serving as chairman. According to Garrision, "Gorbachev believes we are giving birth to a new global civilization."[767] The State of the World Forum, which has received funding from CIA fronts like the Ford and Rockefeller foundations, "was founded in 1995 with the purpose of working with partners worldwide to gather together the creative genius on the planet in a search for solutions to critical global challenges."[768]

The Forum was a five-year process of consultation that would meet annually until the year 2000. About 500 people are expected to attend, including Milton Friedman, David Packard, Ted Turner, Jane Fonda, Jane Goodall, Carl Sagan, Saudi princes, Deepak Chopra, Bill Gates, George Bush and Margaret Thatcher. The decidedly New-

Agey direction of the Forum was exhibited by the presence of Willis Harman, Esalen co-founder Michael Murphy, Maurice Strong, and the respective leaders of Vietnamese, Mongolian, and Cambodian Buddhism. A member of the press was prompted to ask Gorbachev about the absence of Christian leaders. Zbigniew Brzezinski spoke up and answered, “I happen to know that President Gorbachev is a very good friend of the Pope -- and I am too.”[769]

In 1989, Esalen brought Gorbachev’s successor Boris Yeltsin on his first trip to the US. Although Yeltsin did not visit the Esalen facility in California, Esalen arranged meetings for Yeltsin with then President George H.W. Bush as well as many other leaders in business and government. Yeltsin also visited the Johnson Space Center, but it was a visit to nearby Randall’s Supermarket where he was impressed at the abundance produced by capitalism, and remarked, that if the Russian people, who often must wait in line for most goods, saw the conditions of U.S. supermarkets, “there would be a revolution.” Nevertheless, the Esalen website boasts that, following his visit, Yeltsin “resigned from the Communist Party. The rest, as they say, is history.”[770]

12. Psychic Warriors

Secret Destiny

On June 21 and 22, 1974, John Hasted and Jack Sarfatti joined David Bohm, Arthur Koestler, Arthur C. Clarke, and two of psychic Uri Geller's associates, Ted Bastin and Brendan O'Regan, to watch Geller appear to bend four brass Yale keys and a 1 cm disk, affect a Geiger counter and deflect a compass needle. The successful results of testing with Geller generated interest within the Department of Defense. Ray Hyman, professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, was asked by the Director of Behavioral Research for ARPA to go to SRI and investigate. Hyman's report was that Geller was a "complete fraud" and as a consequence Targ and Puthoff lost their government contract. In 1978 Army Intelligence formalized an operational program GRILL FLAME, under INSCOM at Fort Meade, to "evaluate potential adversary applications of remote viewing."[771] In 1979 the research at SRI was integrated into GRILL FLAME. In late 1985 the Army funding was terminated, but the program was redesignated SUN STREAK and funded by the DIA's Scientific and Technical Intelligence Directorate.

Who better to add credibility to the conservative fairy tale of America's defense of "democracy," to disguise a neoliberal agenda, than a former Hollywood actor: Ronald Reagan. According to Lech Walesa, who headed Solidarity (*Solidarnosc*), and who became the first democratically elected President of Poland, "The 1980s were a curious time—a time of realization that a new age was upon us. Now, from the perspective of our time, it is obvious that like the pieces of a global chain of events, Ronald Reagan, John Paul II, Margaret Thatcher and even Mikhail Gorbachev helped bring about this new age in Europe. We at Solidarity like to claim more than a little credit, too, for bringing about the end of the Cold War. In the Europe of the 1980s, Ronald Reagan presented the vision." Could Walesa have been implying the millennial aspirations of the New Age movement?

Despite claiming to be a “born again” Christian, Reagan and his wife Nancy had a devoted interest in astrology. Astrologer Joan Quigley was called on by Mrs. Reagan in 1981 after John Hinckley’s attempted assassination of the president. Hinckley had developed an infatuation with actress Jodie Foster, who played a child prostitute in the film Taxi Driver, where the psychopath portrayed by Robert De Niro was inspired by Arthur Bremer, who shot George Wallace in 1972. Interestingly, Hinckley was later confined to St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Washington DC which, as Colin Ross explained in *The CIA Doctors*, Dr. Winfred Overholser Sr. funded LSD research through the Scottish Rite Committee and was at the center of the MK-Ultra mind control network.[772] Hospital officials who searched his room found photographs and letters that showed a continued obsession with Foster, as well as evidence that Hinckley had exchanged letters with serial killer Ted Bundy and sought the address of Charles Manson.

Quigley stayed on as the White House astrologer in secret until being outed in 1988 by ousted former chief of staff Donald Regan. She discussed her relationship with Nancy Reagan in a book, titled *What Does Joan Say?* and boasted, “Not since the days of the Roman emperors—and never in the history of the United States Presidency—has an astrologer played such a significant role in the nation’s affairs of State.” As Regan explained:

> Virtually every major move and decision the Reagans made during my time as White House Chief of Staff was cleared in advance with a woman in San Francisco [Quigley] who drew up horoscopes to make certain that the planets were in a favorable alignment for the enterprise.[773]

Inspired by Masonic author Manly P. Hall’s *Secret Destiny of America*, Reagan said, “You can call it mysticism if you want to,” he told the Conservative Political Action Conference in 1974, “but I have always believed that there was some divine plan that placed this great continent between two oceans to be sought out by those who were possessed of an abiding love of freedom and a special kind of courage.”[774] According to Reagan:

> This is a land of destiny, and our forefathers found their way here by some Divine system of selective service gathered here to fulfill a mission to advance man a further step in his climb from the swamps.[775]

As described by Mitch Horowitz, in “Ronald Reagan and the occultist: The amazing story of the thinker behind his sunny optimism” for *Salon*, referring to Hall’s influence on Reagan:

> Through his reiteration of this theme of America’s destiny, and his powers as a communicator, Reagan shaped how Americans wanted to see themselves: as a portentous people possessed of the indomitable spirit to scale any height. This American self-perception could bitterly clash with reality in the face of a declining industrial base and falling middle-class wages. Nonetheless, the image that Reagan gave Americans of themselves—as a people always ushering in new dawns—formed the political template to which every president who followed him had to publicly adhere.[776]

Soon after World War II, Reagan had joined a group called the United World Federalists. The UWF eventually became known as Citizens for Global Solutions. According to their own website, “Citizens for Global Solutions has two branches. They work closely together to build political will in the United States for international cooperation and democratic global institutions that establish peace, justice, and sustainability under the rule of law.”[777] Famous advocates of world federalism include Albert Camus, Winston Churchill Albert Einstein, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and Walter Cronkite.

First Earth Battalion

In 1980, Maj. Michael Aquino, then PSYOP Research & Analysis Team Leader and simultaneously the occult leader of the Temple of Set, and Paul E. Vallely, Commander of the 7th PSYOP Group, wrote “From PSYOP To MindWar: The Psychology Of Victory,”

inspired by Col. John B. Alexander's "The New Mental Battlefield" published in the same year. The MindWar paper argued for the application of Psychological Operations (PSYOPS) and "psychotronics" at the national level both in the target country and at home. Vallely and Aquino wrote:

> Psychotronic research is in its infancy, but the U.S. Army already possesses an operational weapons systems designed to do what LTC Alexander would like ESP to do – except that this weapons system uses existing communications media. It seeks to map the minds of neutral and enemy individuals and then to change them in accordance with U.S. national interests. It does this on a wide scale, embracing military units, regions, nations, and blocs. In its present form it is called Psychological Operations (PSYOP).

These new proposed methods of psychic warfare represented the adaptation of psychotronics to military warfare, which contributed the First Earth Battalion, inspired by the New Age thinking that emerged from the influence of Esalen and the psychic research of the Stanford Research Institute (SRI). Willis Harman's protégé Marilyn Ferguson was the author of the 1980 bestseller *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, which became regarded as the "handbook of the New Age." Ferguson eventually earned numerous honorary degrees, and befriended such diverse figures as Buckminster Fuller, Ram Dass, Nobel Prize-winning chemist Ilya Prigogine and billionaire Ted Turner. Ferguson's work also influenced Vice President Al Gore, who participated in her informal network while a senator and later met with her in the White House.

Ferguson's friend Lt. Col. Jim Channon was responsible for introducing New Age ideas that were to use psychotronic methods of Project Stargate as a form of psychic warfare.[778] Project Stargate was overseen until 1987 by Lt. Frederick Holmes "Skip" Atwater, an aide and "psychic headhunter" to Maj. Gen. Albert Stubblebine, the head of US Army Intelligence & Security Command (INSCOM). The unit was small-scale, comprising about 15 to 20 individuals, and was run out of "an old, leaky wooden barracks."[779] Stubblebine was

convinced of the possibility of a wide variety of psychic phenomena. He required that all of his battalion commanders learn how to bend spoons in the manner of celebrity psychic Uri Geller, and he himself attempted several psychic feats, in addition to walking through walls, such as levitation and dispersing distant clouds with his mind.

One of Stubblebine's closest officers was Colonel John B. Alexander, a leading advocate for the development of non-lethal weapons and of military applications of the paranormal.[780] Alexander (born 1937) is a retired US Army infantry officer and colonel and a leading advocate for the development of non-lethal weapons and of military applications of the paranormal. He spent part of his career as a Commander of Green Berets Special Forces in Vietnam, led Cambodian mercenaries behind enemy lines, and took part in a number of clandestine programs, including of the notorious Phoenix program, where John Singlaub was his boss at Project MASSTER.

Alexander has long been interested in what used to be regarded as "fringe" areas. In 1971, while a Captain in the infantry at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, he was diving in the Bimini Islands looking for the lost continent of Atlantis. According to psychic Edgar Cayce, Atlantis—located from the Gulf of Mexico to Gibraltar—was destroyed in a final catastrophic event *circa* 10,000 BC. The focus of the efforts of the Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) has been in the Bimini Islands. With his former wife, Jan Northup, Alexander performed ESP experiments with dolphins, along with Dr. C.B. Scott Jones and Theodore Rockwell, a prominent nuclear engineer who has worked on naval nuclear propulsion systems and who also serves as vice-president of the U.S. Psychotronics Association.[781] Alexander was an official representative for the Silva mind control organization and also a past President and a Board member of the *International Association for Near Death Studies*.

Alexander was connected to Gordon Novel, a member of Permindex and a former associate of Kerry Thornley, the founder of Discordianism and also a JFK assassination suspect. Novel came to the attention of Garrison after allegedly making claims that he was an employee of the CIA in 1963 and knew both Lee Harvey Oswald

and Jack Ruby.[782] In February 1961, Novel had been part of an action planned by Guy Banister and David Ferrie to procure weapons from a munitions bunker in Louisiana, owned by the Schlumberger Company. Although Garrison hired Novel as an investigator, Novel later admitted, “I was working as Garrison’s chief of security, while at the same time working for the White House to destabilize Garrison’s operation.”[783] Novel was somehow able to evade extradition attempts of Garrison, who concluded that Novel’s intelligence connections were projecting him.[784] As a private investigator, Novel also provided strategic advice to various celebrities including Michael Jackson and Jean-Claude Van Damme. Other peculiarities in his background included a conviction for illegally transporting electronic surveillance equipment in Nevada, pleading guilty to illegal possession of firearms in Georgia, and a charge of firebombing in Louisiana. He achieved further notoriety for making spurious claims about having seen a CIA photograph of J. Edgar Hoover engaging in homosexual activity. [785]

Alexander wrote the first proclamation of psychotronic technologies for military uses, titled “The New Mental Battlefield: ‘Beam me up, Spock’”, which was published in the December 1980 edition of *Military Review*, the professional journal of the US Army. Alexander’s article advocated the introduction of New Age and occult practices into US military intelligence, including remote viewing, telepathic communication, telekinesis, levitation, invisibility, even the power to kill without violence, and the power to induce hypnosis from a distance. Alexander wrote:

> Psychotronics may be described as the interaction of the mind and matter. While the concepts may stretch the imagination of many readers, research in this area has been underway for years, and the possibility for employment as weaponry has been explored. To be more specific, there are weapons systems that operate on the power of the mind and whose lethal capacity has already been demonstrated.[786]

During his career in the army Alexander showed exceptional interest in esoteric techniques explored by Channon in his First Earth

Battalion manual. A former Army master sergeant who is now a fixture on the human-potential circuit, Channon wrote a paper in 1979 called the “First Earth Battalion Operations Manual,” a long and loopy treatise on using New Age concepts to create a breed of mind-expanded future soldiers, “Warrior Monks,” who would utilize paranormal abilities and counterculture principles to better prevail in future conflicts with the nation’s adversaries. Heavy on graphics, it was partly inspired by the *Whole Earth Catalog* counterculture magazine, created by Stewart Brand.

Channon served in the US Army as an infantry officer from 1962 to 1982 and had two tours in Vietnam. In 1979, Brand had been assigned to investigate the Human Potential Movement for Task Force Delta. Channon particularly spent a good deal of time training under Michael Murphy, the co-founder of Esalen. In 1979 he wrote a 125-page “operations manual” for a proposed “First Earth Battalion.” At a subsequent 1979 briefing at the Fort Knox, Kentucky, officer’s club, Channon presented his concepts to “commanders”, who he claims immediately made him the first commander of the First Earth Battalion.

Channon’s First Earth Battalion slide show was brought to General Stubblebine by Alexander, and by 1981 Stubblebine established a secret “psychic spies unit” at Fort Meade, to test out such techniques as remote viewing. Working from ‘s blueprint, a Special Operations experimental team, dubbed “Jedi Warriors,” were trained in a wide array of Eastern oriental martial arts and meditation techniques, combined with strenuous physical training programs.[787] In 1983, the Jedi master provided the model and a name for the Jedi Project.[788] Stuart Heller, a New Age psychologist, who gave classes in stress control to corporate executives and officials at NASA, was brought in to provide similar schooling to the commandos. had been introduced to Heller by Marilyn Ferguson, the author of the 1980 book *The Aquarian Conspiracy*, whose mentor was Willis Harman of SRI.

Jedi Project’s aim was to seek and “construct teachable models of behaviorable/physical excellence using unconventional means.”[789] Warrior Monks would harness “basic technologies” like carrying baby lambs to greet the enemy and offer “automatic hugs”,

they would attain the ability to pass through walls, operate based on spirit communication, feel plant auras, stop their own hearts without ill effect, changing the mind of the enemy through sub-sonic frequencies and acid rock music out of sync. Barbara Marx Hubbard, a delta psychologist, suggested that the First Earth Battalion could bombard the Soviets with psychic love rather than hate and suspicion.

After some controversy involving these experiments, including alleged security violations from uncleared civilian psychics working in Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities (SCIFs), Major General Stubblebine was placed on retirement. Stubblebine was later president of the Monroe Institute (TMI), which was founded by Andrija Puharich's protégée Robert Monroe, after he started having what he called "out of body experiences," now also commonly referred to as OBEs. The Monroe Institute (TMI) is a nonprofit education and research organization devoted to the exploration of human consciousness, based in Faber, Virginia. Upwards of 20,000 people are estimated to have attended TMI's residential Gateway program during its first thirty years, with consumers of the audio industry founded on its research running into millions. In 1978, the U.S. military evaluated TMI and arranged to send officers there for OBE training.[790] In fact, according to *Remote Viewers: The Secret History of America's Psychic Spies*, by Jim Schnabel, Stubblebine signed contracts with the Monroe Institute to test various hypnosis techniques to enhance remote viewer's performance.

Stubblebine and Alexander are on the board of a "remote viewing" company called PSI-TECH. The company also employs Major Edward Dames (ex Defense Intelligence Agency), Major David Morehouse (ex 82nd Airborne Division), and Ron Blackburn (former microwave scientist and specialist at Kirkland Air Force Base). PSI-TECH has received several government contracts. For example, during the Gulf War crisis the Department for Defense asked it to use remote viewing to locate Saddam's Scud missiles sites. Last year (1992) the FBI sought PSI-TECH's assistance to locate a kidnapped Exxon executive.[791] After retiring from the Army in 1988, Alexander joined the Los Alamos National Laboratories and began working with Janet Morris, Le Cercle's Research Director of the US Global

Strategy Council (USGSC), chaired by ASC member Dr. Ray Cline, also a member of Shackley's "Secret Team" involved in the WACL. [792]

Be All That You Can Be

Alexander and USGSC research director Janet Morris teamed up with Newt Gingrich on his first book, *Window of Opportunity*, released in 1984. Gingrich acknowledges in the book that Morris coached him through the book and gave form to his ideas. In 1990, Alexander wrote *The Warrior's Edge*, with Morris and Major Richard Groller, which discusses meditation, active listening, intuition, visualization, biofeedback, martial arts and psychokinesis as researched by the US military.[793] These methods, to promote "human excellence and optimum performance" among soldiers, were based on a course Alexander taught in 1983 called Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP).

Among the students of Alexander's NLP course were then-Senator and later Vice President Al Gore, Gen. Max Thurman and General Stubblebine. By his own account, Alexander and Gore became close friends in 1983, and remain so to this day.[794] Thurman (1931 –1995) was a US Army general, Vice Chief of Staff of the US Army, and former commander of US Army Training and Doctrine Command. After completing the US Army War College in 1970, Thurman held numerous troop and staff assignments before assuming command of US Army Recruiting Command in 1979, where he initiated the highly successful "BE ALL YOU CAN BE" recruiting campaign devised by Jim Channon.

Groller served on the staff of the Directorate of Intelligence, US Forces Command, the US Army Intelligence School, and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Groller has published an article in Military Intelligence titled "Soviet Psychotronics - A State of Mind." Morris is best known as a science fiction writer but has been a member of the New York Academy of Sciences since 1980 and is a member of the Association for Electronic Defense. She is also the Research Director of the US Global Strategy Council (USGSC). She was initiated into the Japanese art of bioenergetics, Joh-re, the

Indonesian brotherhood of Subud, and graduated from the Silva course in advanced mind control. She has been conducting remote viewing experiments for fifteen years. She worked on a research project investigating the effects of mind on probability in computer systems. Her husband, Robert Morris, is a former judge and a key member of the American Security Council.[795]

Alexander ran the “non-lethal” weapons lab at Los Alamos. Los Alamos Laboratory is one of two laboratories in the United States where classified work towards the design of nuclear weapons has been undertaken, the other being the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. It conducts multidisciplinary research in fields such as national security, space exploration, renewable energy, medicine, nanotechnology, and supercomputing. Morris confirmed John Alexander’s involvement in mind control and psychotronic projects in the Los Alamos National Laboratories.

Alexander and his team have recently been working with Dr. Igor Smirnov, a psychologist from the Moscow Institute of Psychocorrelations. They were invited to the US after Janet Morris’ visit to Russia in 1991. [796] There she was shown the technique which was pioneered by the Russian Department of Psycho-Correction at Moscow Medical Academy. The Russians employ a technique to electronically analyze the human mind in order to influence it. They input subliminal command messages, using key words transmitted in “white noise” or music. Using an infrasound very low frequency-type transmission, the acoustic psycho-correction message is transmitted via bone conduction - earplugs would not restrict the message. To do that would require an entire body protection system. According to the Russians the subliminal messages by-pass the conscious level and are effective almost immediately.[797]

Terrorist Training

In *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, about Operation Stargate, Ronson has speculated that the same mindwar capabilities proposed by Stubblebine, John B. Alexander, Paul E. Vallely and Michael Aquino were used by the military in the bizarre torture methods

employed in Iraq. Ronson confirmed that a facility at al-Qa'im was conducting "interrogations" of captured Iraqi insurgents, after playing, non-stop, for days at a time, the theme song from Barney the Purple Dinosaur, "I Love You." Ronson is convinced that the music was a cover for subliminal frequencies, very high- or very low-frequency sounds that affect brain functioning, to break prisoners' resistance. The prisoners were kept in metal shipping containers in the scorching sun, blindfolded and in crouching positions, surrounded by barbed wire, with the music (and subliminals) blaring.

Ronson also convincingly connects some of the bizarre torture techniques used on prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison, with similar techniques employed during the FBI siege of the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas. FBI agents blasted the Branch Davidians all night with such obnoxious sounds as screaming rabbits, crying seagulls, dentist drills, and Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made for Walking." The U.S. military employed the same technique on Iraqi prisoners of war, instead using the theme song from the PBS kids series Barney and Friends.

At one point in his probe, Ronson asked Stuart Heller, the friend of Marilyn Ferguson and Jim Channon, if he could name one soldier who was "the living embodiment" of the First Earth Battalion. Without a second thought, Heller replied: "Bert Rodriguez." "He's a martial arts guy down in Florida… His gym is always full of ex-military guys, ex-Special Forces, Spooks… Bert's one of the most spiritual guys I've ever met," Heller told Ronson. "No. Spiritual is the wrong word. He's occultic. He's like a walking embodiment of death. He can stop you at a distance. He can influence physical events just with his mind. If he catches your attention he can stop you without touching you."[798]

Rodriguez trained Ziad Jarrah for six months, and gave him copies of several knife-fighting books he had written. Jarrah shared them with a friend, Marwan al-Shehhi, who boarded with him at the Panther Motel and Apartments in Deerfield Beach, Fla. Marwan al-Shehhi the hijacker-pilot of United Airlines Flight 175, crashing the plane into the South Tower of the World Trade Center as part of the September 11 attacks. Marwan al-Shehhi the right-hand man of

Mohammed Atta, the alleged terrorist ringleader and pilot of Flight 11.

Daniel Hopsicker, in *Welcome to Terrorland: Mohamed Atta & the 9-11 Cover-up in Florida*, reveals that least eight of the 9/11 terrorist pilots received their initial training in Venice, Florida, at either of the flight schools owned by Arne Kruithof and Rudi Dekkers, including Atta and al-Shehhi. Yeslam bin Laden also provided several students for training at Huffman, though he claimed to be estranged from his step-brother Osama.[799] More might have been known about Dekkers' dubious history, but following 9/11, the FBI removed the files at Huffman, and loaded them onto a C-130 military cargo plane at the Sarasota airport, which took off for Washington with governor Jeb Bush on board.[800]

Less than three months before the two terrorists began flight training, a Lear jet owned by Dekkers' financier Hilliard, carrying 43 pounds of heroin, was seized by the DEA. Hilliard had gotten his Lear jet from World Jet Inc., owned by drug smuggling brothers Don and Bill Whittington, who had supplied Barry Seal his plane.[801] Charges were dropped for "lack of evidence," but the DEA refused to return Hilliard his plane. Hilliard was then loaned a plane by Truman Arnold, the chief fund-raiser for the Democratic Party in 1995. When the Whitewater scandal broke, Arnold was investigated for dubious money-raising schemes, from renting out the White House's Lincoln Bedroom, to selling tickets on Air Force One. Arnold, who played golf with Clinton, had also been responsible for coordinated payments to convicted Clinton friend Web Hubbell, of the Mena cocaine ring.[802] Arnold was defended during the Whitewater Investigation by Washington lawyer Richard Ben-Veniste, who had also not only served on the Watergate and then Whitewater panels, and defended Barry Seal, he served on the official 9/11 probe as well. The plane was conveyed from Arnold to a Hilliard company, Oryx, founded by Sheik Kamal Adham, former director of Saudi intelligence, and BCCI front-man, and Adnan Khashoggi.

When Britannia Aviation, which operated from a hangar at Huffman Aviation at the Venice Airport, had a "green light" from the Justice Department's Drugs Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Venice Police Department "had been warned to leave them

alone."[803] It was also found that Britannia had been providing maintenance services for Caribe Air, a CIA proprietary carrier that had been seized a decade before by federal officials, at the Mena airbase. Britannia's move to Lynchburg was eased because Hilliard had loaned Falwell a million dollars, which he showed no indication of intending to repay. Falwell needed the money because he was being foreclosed upon by Jackson Stephens. Many flight trainers who trained the Arab terrorists also moonlighted by flying "Christian missionary" flights to Central and South America, out of the Venice and Sarasota Airports, for Falwell crony Pat Robertson's Operation Blessing.[804]

13. Disclosure

Close Encouters

As Brenda Denzler noted, in *The Lure of the Edge: Scientific Passions, Religious Beliefs, and the Pursuit of UFOs*, "the contactee movement was, in effect, a conduit through which established spiritualist and Theosophical ideas and practices moved into the UFO community."[805] Lynn E. Catoe, the senior bibliographer who read thousands of UFO articles to compile *UFOs and Related Subjects: An Annotated Bibliography*, for the U.S. Government Printing Office, issued for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, commented:

> A large part of the available UFO literature is closely linked with mysticism and the metaphysical. It deals with subjects like mental telepathy, automatic writing, and invisible entities, as well as phenomena like poltergeist manifestations and possession… Many of the UFO reports now being published in the popular press recount alleged incidents that are strikingly similar to demoniac possession and psychic phenomena which has long been known to theologians and parapsychologists.[806]

The same personalities behind the New Age Movement and the CIA's Operation Stargate are also the same personalities behind the orchestration of the UFO phenomenon, which appears to be a deliberate attempt to bring about Alice Bailey's "Externalization of the Hierarchy" in fulfillment of the coming of the Age of Aquarius. Val Germann wrote in *Big Money and UFOs* in 1997, "There is no doubt that the original Laurance Rockefeller, now 85 years old, is the power behind much UFO research in the United States. This man, one of two surviving grandsons of the first John D. Rockefeller, has been a true major league player in the affairs of the United States since the 1930s! If he is interested in UFOs then they are indeed very, very important."[807] Famed UFO researcher, Jacques Vallée,

who inspired Steven Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, was one of the first to research the covert manipulation of the UFO mythos by official agencies, and concluded: "someone is going to an awful lot of trouble to convince the world that we are threatened by beings from outer space."[808]

Belief in "extra-terrestrials" is merely a modern adaptation—inspired by the literary genre of science-fiction—of what for centuries has permeated the various cultures of the world as demons, ghouls, ghosts, goblins and genies. Occultists have re-packaged their age-old practices of séances and mediumship as contact with beings from other worlds: visitors from Sirius, former denizens of Atlantis, or "Ancient Aliens," an adaptation of the Fallen Angels of the Book of Genesis.

The ruse is succeeding. According to a recent *National Geographic Channel* study, thirty-six percent of Americans, about 80 million people, are certain UFOs exist and one in 10 believe they've spotted one. Nearly half of those surveyed said they were unsure, while only seventeen percent said they did not believe in UFOs.[809] Nearly four-fifths of respondents of the poll said they believe the government has concealed information about UFOs from the public. This of course is a belief that has been popularly reinforced through movies such as Spielberg's *Close Encounters* and *E.T.*, and more recently the *X Files* TV series.

In 1938, CBS Radio staged a dramatization of H.G. Wells' science fiction novel War of the Worlds, narrated by Orson Welles, by interrupting the current broadcast and presenting it as a real alien invasion. Newspapers reported that panic ensued, with people across the Northeastern United States and Canada fleeing their homes. Some people called CBS, newspapers or the police in confusion over the realism of the news bulletins. Others claimed they could smell poison gas or see flashes of lightning in the distance. Studies calculated that of the six million who heard the broadcast, 1.7 million believed it to be true, and 1.2 million were "genuinely frightened."[810] Appointed to study the results of the broadcast was the Radio Research Project, headed by Paul Lazarsfeld of the Cybernetics Group, and which was funded by the Rockefeller

Foundation, and connected to members of the Frankfurt School, like Theodor Adorno.

Carol Rosin, the former spokesperson for Wernher von Braun—NASA rocket scientist, former Nazi of Operation Paperclip, member of Permindex and founder of IONS—claims that he told her on repeated occasions that the government was going to go through three stages of scare-tactics. First would be the Russians as "Commies," followed by terrorism, and finally the "last card" would be "aliens," being the ostensible reason for Reagan's SDI.[811] Rosin also worked on the Treaty on the Prevention of the Placement of Weapons in Outer Space with IONS founder Edgar Mitchell.

Ronald Reagan's favourite science fiction scripts inspired him, during a peace summit in Geneva in the 1980s, to ask the Soviet leader Gorbachev for his support in the event of an invasion from extraterrestrial life. And, at the United Nations in September 1987, Reagan called for the world to unite in dealing with an alien threat, made a similar observation, much like the plot of the movie *Independence Day*:

> In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognize this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And yet, I ask you, is not an alien force already among us? [812]

Reagan is believed to have become an avid science fiction fan while working in Hollywood as a B movie actor. Reagan even arranged a private screening of Stephen Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* at the Whitehouse in 1982 for top judges, astronauts and other VIPs. He confessed his favorite story was like *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, where "the invasion from outer space that prompts earthlings to put aside nationalistic quarrels and band together to fight the alien invader."[813]

Apparently, before he became Governor of California, Ronald and his wife Nancy had a UFO sighting on the night that they were

invited to a party that actor William Holden was having in Hollywood. A number of key personalities were invited. Two of them, comedian Steve Allen, and actress Lucille Ball both recounted the story of Reagan's UFO encounter. Reagan was late and the party was held up until he and Nancy arrived nearly an hour later. According to both Allen's and Ball's version of events Reagan was very excited when he described that he and Nancy had seen a UFO while coming down the coast highway to Los Angeles and stopped to watch the event. Some unconfirmed stories of the event stated that the object actually landed. Lucy in her account of the event stated, "After he elected President, I kept thinking about that event, and wondered if he still would have won if he told everyone that he saw a flying saucer."[814]

In an interview from an article titled "The Wizard of the Baca Grande," in *West* magazine of Alberta, Canada, in 1990, Maurice Strong shared a disturbing apocalyptic scenario he would include in a novel he says he would like to write. A small group of world leaders at the World Economic Forum convenes in Davos, Switzerland concluded that because the world's rich countries would refuse to sign an agreement reducing their impact on the environment, they would form a secret society and to bring about a world collapse. Strong further explained, "They've engineered, using their access to stock exchanges, and computers, and gold supplies, a panic. Then they prevent the markets from closing. They jam the gears. They have mercenaries who hold the rest of the world leaders at Davos as hostage. The markets can't close. The rich countries...?" and Strong makes a slight motion with his fingers as if he were flicking a cigarette butt out of the window.[815]

Strong's apocalyptic scenario is strikingly similar to Sydney Sheldon's 1991 bestseller, *The Doomsday Conspiracy*, for which Council of Nine channeler James Hurtak served as "technical consultant." In the novel, the protagonist Robert Bellamy is hired by the NSA to investigate a UFO cover-up, perpetrated by a cabal of top-ranking officials of many different governments, who are concerned that the arrival of extraterrestrial visitors may cause worldwide panic or economic chaos. However, the real reason is that the aliens, who have the ability to shapeshift and communicate telepathically, from their mothership hovering above the earth, are

observing humanity in disappointment. They want the world to stop harming the environment, using fossil fuels, contributing to global warming and causing wars. Concerned about the potential impact on their industries, the cabal is conspiring to keep the secret from humanity and working to develop SDI, or Reagan's "Star Wars" program, to combat the alien intruders.

The 1984 movie *Ghostbusters* demonstrated the occult nature of contact with supernatural. The script was written by Dan Aykroyd, who admitted that he comes from a family who has been interested in the occult and UFOlogy. Aykroyd's great-grandfather was a mystic who corresponded with Theosophical Society member Sir Arthur Conan Doyle on the subject of spiritualism, and conducted séances as a member of the world's largest Spiritualist community, Lily Dale, New York, a small town near Lake Erie.[816] Lily Dale is a place of pilgrimage for many interested in spiritualism, the paranormal, and the New Age. A large population of mediums and Spiritualist healers reside in Lily Dale year-round, such as TV mediums Lisa Williams and Michelle Whitedove. In recent years, guest lecturers have included Dee Wallace, members of *Ghost Hunters*, Tibetan monks, James Van Praagh, Dr. Wayne Dyer, and Deepak Chopra. Lily Dale is the backdrop for a series of young adult paranormal novels by *New York Times* bestselling author Wendy Corsi Staub, who grew up a few miles from Lily Dale.

Aykroyd wrote the introduction to a book by his own father, Peter Aykroyd, titled *A History of Ghosts*, which chronicled the family's historical involvement in the Spiritualist Movement. Peter, a civil engineer, worked as a policy adviser to Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Andrija Puharich, who initiated the CIA's Operation Stargate project, claimed to have been working for the Canadian government to investigate the effects of low frequency radiation exploited by the Soviets, and had recently advised Trudeau and President Jimmy Carter.[817] Dan said of his father's book, "If you ever wanted to know anything about seances, mediums, everybody from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to Oliver Lodge to (Sir William) Crookes, Swedenborg, this is the encyclopedia."[818] The book discusses terms like "glossolalia," or what is known as "speaking in tongues" as practiced in Pentecostal and charismatic Christianity as

well as in other religions. The term “clairhambiance” is the ability of a medium to experience a taste associated with a spirit. The book also introduces the term “ectoplasm,” which entered the mainstream popularity after being featured prominently as “slime” in *Ghostbusters*.

In the early 1980s, Aykroyd began work on a script for the film that eventually became *Ghostbusters*, inspired by his fascination with parapsychology. Of others involved in the making of the movie, Aykroyd explained, “Harold Ramis was a complete non-believer, skeptic and agnostic full-on. Billy [Murray] of course is Irish and he knows ghosts exist and sometimes the dead do linger in the land of the living. Ivan Reitman [producer and director], he’s Jewish so he knows… there’s a lot of paranormal in the Kabbalah.”[819] As an example, ancient Merkabah mystics imagined themselves ascending (or descending) through the seven heavens, where each required the correct password to the angelic gatekeeper.[820]

In the movie, the character of Dana Barrett portrayed by Sigourney Weaver is possessed by Zuul claiming to be “the Gatekeeper.” Zuul is a demigod worshiped as a servant to “Gozer the Gozerian,” a shape-shifting god of destruction. Louis Tully, played by Rick Moranis, is possessed by “Vinz Clortho, the Keymaster of Gozer.” It is eventually discovered that architect of Barrett’s building, which is the true source of the supernatural assault, was a genius and cult leader of Gozer-worshippers, who designed it to channel ghosts for the purpose of ending the world. On the apartment building roof, in a clear allusion to sex magick, or a *Hieros Gamos* (“sacred marriage”), through a ritual sex act on an altar, Zuul and Vinz open the gate between dimensions and transform into supernatural creatures just as the Ghostbusters arrive. Gozer then emerges from a pyramid, whose top is illuminated by a bright light, equivalent of the all-seeing eye.

Aykroyd says he definitely believes that mediums can communicate with the dead. “There are some people who can go into a trance and give themselves up and be controlled and speak as this being, as this spirit entity.”[821] He also explains that some victims of demonic assault “have been through a war-like trauma in some cases.” This is a condition, he says, which can result in a state

of “psychic compromised immunity,” making them particularly vulnerable for spirit possession—an occurrence otherwise associated with DID and Satanic ritual abuse.[822]

Messengers of Deception

However, the government “cover-up” myth also appears to be one that is deliberately fabricated. In *Messengers of Deception*, Jacques Vallée shares insights he learned from a man he refers to anonymously as “Major Murphy,” although his actual rank is much higher than that of Major. Murphy advised him that all major UFO research organizations were infiltrated by intelligence agents who regard them as useful idiots, and supply selected types of disinformation: “in intelligence circles, people like that are historical necessities. When you’ve worked long enough for Uncle Sam, you know he is involved in a lot of strange things. The data these groups get are biased at the source, but they play a useful role.”[823]

The media typically promote the ideas of the popular mythmakers of extraterrestrial contact, at the expense of more qualified opinions. Rather, it appears the “evidence” of extra-terrestrial contact is cherry-picked by those who insist on promoting the mythology. According to Vallée:

> The belief in UFO contact, and the expectation of visitation by beings from space, is promoted by certain groups of people who are responsible for advertising UFO contacts, for circulating faked photographs (often in connection with genuine sightings), for interfering with witnesses and researchers, and for generating systematic “disinformation” about the phenomenon. We may find that they belong, or have access, to military, media, and government circles. In these games it is not clear exactly which side is infiltrating the other.[824]

Vallée, who holds a master’s degree in astrophysics and a PhD in computer science from Northwestern University, was an early scientific proponent of the theory that UFOs are extraterrestrial spaceships. In mainstream science, Vallée is notable for co-

developing the first computerized mapping of Mars for NASA and for his work at SRI with Ira Einhorn on the network information center for the ARPANET. Vallée had also been a participant in Sarfatti's Physics/Consciousness Research Group (PCRG).

Ira Einhorn, the "Unicorn Killer," claimed that was working with Jacques Vallée and Brendan O'Regan on a UFO database. Einhorn also mentioned that he was working with Congressman Charlie Rose (1939 – 2012) of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. Rose confirmed in a telephone conversation with Jack Sarfatti that Einhorn was involved in National Security operations.[825] Long an advocate of the Pentagon's "parapsychological" pursuits, according to Rose, "Some people think this is the work of the Devil," he observed, "other people think it's the work of the Holy Spirit."[826] Through EST training sessions at Esalen with Erhard, Sarfatti met Francis Coppola's wife and started spending a lot of time at the Coppola's home, at which time he introduced them to Einhorn and Vallée. Vallée became technical consultant to *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* when as a result he was also later introduced to Steven Spielberg.[827] Vallée served as a model of the French scientist François Truffaut in the film.[828]

In addition to Vallée, Regnery Publishing, owned by the family responsible for the America First Committee (AFC) and the American Security Council (ASC) also published the works of another famous mainstream scientist who pioneered the study of UFOs, Dr. Josef Allen Hynek. Hynek was an American astronomer, professor, and ufologist, who acted as scientific advisor to UFO studies undertaken by the U.S. Air Force under three consecutive projects: Project Sign (1947–1949), Project Grudge (1949–1952), and Project Blue Book (1952–1969). While initially a sceptic, after examining hundreds of UFO reports over the decades (including some made by credible witnesses, including astronomers, pilots, police officers, and military personnel), Hynek concluded that some reports represented genuine empirical evidence. In later years, Hynek developed the "Close Encounter" classification system.

Vallée's first book, *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* (Regnery, 1965), argued that "through UFO activity… the contours of an amazingly complex intelligent life beyond the earth can already be

discerned."[829] In *Challenge to Science – The UFO Enigma* (Regnery, 1966) he and Janine Vallée urged the scientific community to consider the UFO evidence in this light. But by 1969, when he published *Passport to Magonia: From Folklore to Flying Saucers* (Regnery), Vallée's assessment of the UFO phenomenon had undergone a significant change. Vallée backed away from the extraterrestrial hypotheses and advanced the radical view that UFOs are paranormal phenomenon. As an alternative to the extraterrestrial visitation hypothesis (ETH), Vallée alleged that these entities were "intra-terrestrials," with commonalities between UFOs, cults, religious movements, demons, angels, ghosts, cryptid sightings, and psychic phenomena.

In 1973, Regnery published *Sybil*, a book by Flora Rheta Schreiber about the treatment of Sybil Dorsett (a pseudonym for Shirley Ardell Mason) for dissociative identity disorder (DID) by her psychoanalyst, Cornelia B. Wilbur. After extended therapy involving amobarbital and hypnosis interviews, Sybil manifests sixteen personalities. Recalling the claims about trauma-based mind-control, Wilbur writes that Sybil's multiple personality disorder was a result of the severe physical and sexual abuse she allegedly suffered at the hands of her mother, Hattie. The book was made into two television movies of the same name, once in 1976, starring Sally Field and Joanne Woodward, and again in 2007.

Council for Security Policy

United States Army Colonel Philip J. Corso, with help from William J. Birnes, published *The Day After Roswell* in 1997, with a forward from Strom Thurmond. Corso was a former military intelligence officer under General Charles Willoughby, ASC member, Shickshinny Knight and Black Eagle Fund conspirator implicated in the JFK assassination.[830] After joining the Army in 1942, Corso served in Army Intelligence in Europe, becoming chief of the US Counter Intelligence Corps in Rome. In 1945, he arranged for the safe passage of 10,000 Jewish World War II refugees out of Rome to the British Mandate of Palestine. He was the personal emissary to Giovanni Battista Montini at the Vatican, later Pope Paul VI, during

the active period of the Nazi "Rat Lines." Corso himself claims that he participated in Operation Paperclip.

Corso was on the staff of President Eisenhower's National Security Council for four years, from 1953 to 1957. Dick Russell also reports that in 1954 Corso was involved in planning the overthrow of Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman. During the Korean War (1950 – 1953), Corso performed intelligence duties under General Douglas MacArthur as Chief of the Special Projects branch of the Intelligence Division, Far East Command. In 1956, Corso worked with West German paramilitary units connected to the spy network of Reinhard Gehlen.[831]

The Day After Roswell claims that an extraterrestrial spacecraft crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947 and was recovered by the United States government who then sought to cover up the evidence. In 1961, he became Chief of the Pentagon's Foreign Technology desk in Army Research and Development, working under Lt. Gen. Arthur Trudeau. In this position, Corso claims to have supposedly been assigned to oversee the reverse engineering material recovered from crashed alien spacecraft, resulting in several technological breakthroughs, including accelerated particle beam devices, fiber optics, lasers, computer chips and Kevlar. The book concludes with reproduction of information about Project Horizon, a 1950s US Army plan for bases on the moon.

Corso was a member of the Advanced Theoretical Physics Working Group (ATPWG), whose director was Col. John B. Alexander. SRI remote-viewer Hal Puthoff and Corso have both claimed that the ATPWG "operated at the highest levels of government."[832] It was Alexander's article which inspired retired Major General Paul E. Vallely to write the 1980 *MindWar* article with Michael Aquino of the Temple of Set.

Vallely has been close with former CIA director James Woolsey. Vallely and Woolsey shared membership on the neoconservative Council for Security Policy (CSP), founded in 1988 by Frank Gaffney, a member of the CNP, who worked for Richard Perle during the Reagan administration. The CSP, which uses the ASC's motto "Peace Through Strength," is funded by the Olin, Scaife, Carthage, Bradley, and a few other right-wing foundations.[833] Major weapons

contractors such as Boeing, General Atomics, General Dynamics, Litton, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Thiokol, and TRW have also provided financial support.[834] The CSP's activities are focused on exposing and researching perceived jihadist threats to the United States. CSP Advisory Council includes Heritage Foundation founder Edwin Feulner, and neoconservatives Midge Decter, Jeane Kirkpatrick, Dick Cheney, Douglas Feith, Richard Perle, Donald Rumsfeld, James Schlesinger, Paul Wolfowitz and Daniel Pipes.[835] Also on the CSP Advisory Council is Knight of Malta Joseph E. Schmitz, a former executive of Blackwater, the infamous American private military firm founded by CNP member Erik Prince.

Vallely and Woolsey have also been associated with the Intelligence Summit. The Summit was founded in 2006 by John Loftus, former U.S. government prosecutor and former Army intelligence officer. He began working for the US Department of Justice in 1977 and in 1979 joined their Office of Special Investigations, which was charged with prosecuting and deporting Nazi war criminals in the US. Loftus is an author of numerous books on the CIA-Nazi connection including *The Belarus Secret*, *Unholy trinity: how the Vatican's Nazi networks betrayed western intelligence to the Soviets*, and *The Secret War Against the Jews*, both of which have extensive material on the Bush-Rockefeller-Nazi connection.

The Intelligence Summit is a powerful, secret organization of top intelligence officers from around the world. Several former CIA directors, former Mossad chiefs, former MI6 heads, former US Air Force Generals and other top intelligence officials are part of its leadership. The Chairman of the Intelligence Summit, is a top secret person, whose identity is never revealed and his name withheld for security reasons. The list of speakers and board members includes Michael Ledeen and Richard Perle.[836] The Advisory Council included James Woolsey, another former CIA director, John Deutsch, and Robert Spencer the director, Jihad Watch. In 2006, the Summit was exposed for ties to the Russian mafia through the Summit's long-time financier Russian Zionist oligarch Michael Cherney. Cherney has been repeatedly linked with Solntsevskaya.[837] In

2003, Cherney founded the Jerusalem Summit, attended by Richard Perle and Frank Gaffney, Ehud Olmert and Benjamin Netanyahu.

According to Sarfati, Woolsey was working with remote-viewer Steven Schwartz in 2001-2012.[838] Woolsey appears to be close to UFO cultist Joe Firmage, Catherine Austin Fitts, and John Petersen. They all belong with the Arlington Institute, non-profit think tank specializing in predictive modeling of future events, that is, futures studies.[839] Petersen was a naval flight officer in the United States Navy, and has worked at the National War College, the Institute for National Security Studies, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council at the White House. Firmage wrote an online book titled *Project Kairos*, which claimed that aliens had occasionally contributed to human scientific achievements, most recently in the 1947 Roswell crash. Fitts blew the whistle on the missing trillions at the Pentagon and collaborated with Michael Ruppert in exposing CIA drug trafficking.

Corso further claims that the real purpose of Reagan's Strategic Defense initiative (SDI) was not to deflect a missile attack by the Russians, but to counter the threat posed by extra-terrestrials. As pointed out in "Saucers, Secrets and Shickshinny Knights" by Martin Davis, "This, of course, led to the end of the Cold War, when Reagan agreed to let the Soviets use Star Wars technology to defend the USSR against the same galactic menace."[840]

The Aviary

John B. Alexander and C.B. Scott Jones are members of what is called "the Aviary," a group of intelligence and Department of Defense officers and scientists involved MILABS operations—black operations by rogue military-intelligence units who are said to stalk, harass, terrorize, kidnap, drug, gang-rape and mind-rape innocent civilians, using hypnotic mind-control programming to implant a false post-hypnotic "memory" that the episode was an "alien abduction."[841] Each member of *the Aviary* bears a bird's name. Alexander, the leader, is "Penguin" while Jones is "Falcon" and Hal Puthoff is "Owl". Others include Ron Pandolphi ("Pelican"), who is a

PhD in physics and works at the Rocket and Missile section of the Office of the Deputy Director of Science and Technology, CIA.

Alexander wrote *UFOs: Myths, Conspiracies, and Realities*, in which he reviews major events in UFO history, finding both facts and flaws: “The gulf between the public’s opinion of UFOs and what most scientists believe regarding them is cavernous.” During the 1980s, Alexander organized an interagency group to explore the evidence, with participants from the military, CIA, and aerospace industry examining classic cases, including Roswell; the Gulf Breeze, Fla., photos; and unexplained incidents occurring within the U.S. strategic defense systems (such as sightings by NORAD installations), plus claims of reverse engineering on captured crafts; the Phoenix Lights, which Arizona’s governor at the time admitted witnessing; and the documented radiation poisoning suffered by Betty Cash and Vicky Landrum after their reported 1980 encounter near Houston. Determining that UFOs, while real, are “beyond current comprehension,” he sees the extraterrestrial hypothesis as too narrow. UFOs remain an enigma, he concludes, since “every time we think we have an answer, new observations make the problem more complex.”

Alexander married alien abduction researcher Victoria Lacas, who worked in association with C.B. Scott Jones. She, Stubblebine and his wife Rima Laibow, who claims to be an abductee herself, toured Europe and the Soviet Union, where they have established a prodigious UFO/Psi network.[842] Jones held the position of what was termed the consultant in international relations for a while beginning in 1989 with MUTUAL UFO NETWORK (MUFON), one of the oldest and largest civilian UFO-investigative organizations in the United States.

Alexander is a member of the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), a privately financed research organization based in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, and operated from 1995 to 2004. It was founded in 1995 by real-estate developer Robert Bigelow, who set it up to research and advance serious study of various fringe science, and paranormal topics, most notably ufology. The group includes Alexander, his wife Victoria Alexander, Edgar Mitchell, Gordon Novel, Hal Puthoff, Bruce Maccabee, and airplane designer Burt

Rutan. Some of the ufologists he has funded include Budd Hopkins, Bob Lazar, and Linda Moulton Howe, who is well known for her investigations of cattle mutilations, and her conclusion that they are of extraterrestrial origin. She is also noted for her speculations that the US government is involved with aliens.

Bigelow owns Skinwalker Ranch in northeastern Utah which is a focal point of scientific research into the paranormal. Called the "Strangest Place On Earth" due to its long history of strange and bizarre happenings.[843] The activity, as reported by hundreds of witnesses over several decades, includes UFOs, unusual balls of light, animal mutilations and disappearances, poltergeist events, sightings of Bigfoot-like creatures, living dinosaurs, and other unidentified animals, physical effects on plants, soil, animals and humans, strange ice circles, magnetic anomalies, and a vast array of other of anomalous phenomena. The area is also noted to have a Vortex or Portal where doorways to other realms or dimensions are seen as glowing tubes, and random holes or rips in the sky.

In 1974, the plant physiologist Frank Salisbury collected hundreds of UFO reports from residents in the Uintah basin region of Utah, which includes Skinwalker Ranch and a Ute reservation. According to Jeremy Corbell's documentary, *Hunt for the Skinwalker*, Ute tribal members have recognized the paranormal phenomena occurring in the area for centuries. They characterize these events as the work of malevolent tricksters, similar to the ghostly "skinwalkers" of Navajo folklore.[844]

NIDS installed video cameras and other sensitive monitoring equipment, built new fencing and constructed observation posts manned with trained observers, in hopes of collecting evidence for scientific study. But to this day NIDS states publicly that none of the phenomenon occurring there has been recorded, even though the NIDS scientists have seen the reported phenomena. One NIDS scientist says, "It isn't as simple as saying that ET's or flying saucers are doing it. It's some kind of consciousness, but it's always something new and different, something non-repeatable. It's reactive to people and equipment, and we set up the ranch to be a proving ground for the scientific method, but science doesn't seem amenable to the solution of these kinds of problems."[845]

Bigelow as a close friend Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat who was the Senate majority leader from 2007 to 2015, and who has long had an interest in space phenomena. It was largely at the request of Harry Reid, that Defense Department gave $22 million to fund the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program, founded in 2007.[846] It was run by a military intelligence official, Luis Elizondo, from the Pentagon. On January 16, 2019, the Defense Intelligence Agency released a list of 38 research titles pursued by the program in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by Steven Aftergood, director of the Federation of American Scientists' Project on Government Secrecy. One such research topic, "Traversable Wormholes, Stargates, and Negative Energy," was led by Eric W. Davis of EarthTech International Inc, which was founded by Hal Puthoff. Another project called "Invisibility Cloaking" was headed by German scientist Ulf Leonhardt, a professor at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Leonhardt's research pertains to theoretical quantum optics, and in 2006 his work on theoretically creating "an invisible 'hole' in space, inside which objects can be hidden" was cited by *Nature*. Yet another title, "Warp Drive, Dark Energy, and the Manipulation of Extra Dimensions," was attributed to theoretical physicist Richard Obousy, director of the nonprofit Icarus Interstellar.[847] Project Icarus was launched in 2009 as a five-year theoretical design study for a fusion based starship.

The Aviary expanded to include almost anyone who supports or debunks UFO research that is in any way connected to the government, such as US Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) counterintelligence officer Richard C. Doty. One of their agents include a UFO researcher known as William Moore, who was introduced to John Alexander in 1987 by Scott Jones. Moore, a former Minnesota schoolteacher was the co-author of *The Philadelphia Experiment* and *The Roswell Incident*. In fact, Moore is credited with sparking popular interest in the now well-known Roswell incident.[848]

Moore confessed in front of an audience at a conference held by MUFON on July 1, 1989, in Las Vegas, how he was promised inside information by the senior members of the AVIARY in return for his obedience and service to them.[849] He admitted to have participated

in the propagation and dissemination of disinformation fed to him by various members of the AVIARY. Three years later, in 1992, during an interview Moore informed the UFO community that he was still acting as a controlled informant.[850]

Moore also confessed how he was instructed to target one particular individual, an electronics expert, Dr. Paul Bennewitz, who had accumulated some UFO film footage and electronic signals which were taking place in 1980 over the Menzano Weapons Storage areas, at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. As revealed by Greg Bishop in *Project Beta*, Doty gave Bennewitz the "Project Aquarius" Teletype, being the earliest mention of a hoax that came to be known as the notorious Majestic 12 (or MJ-12) documents. MJ-12 was the supposed code name of a secret committee of scientists and government officials formed in 1947 by an executive order of US President Harry S. Truman. The purpose of the committee was purportedly to investigate the recovery of a UFO north of Roswell in 1947. Later it was discovered the Aquarius document was phony and had been prepared by Doty.[851] As Greg Bishop writes:

> Here, near the bottom of this wordy message in late 1980, was the very first time anyone had seen a reference to the idea of a suspected government group called 'MJ Twelve' that controlled UFO information. Of course, no one suspected at the time the colossal role that this idea would play in 1980s and '90s UFOlogy, and it eventually spread beyond its confines to become a cultural mainstay.[852]

What came to be known as the "MJ-12 papers" first appeared on a roll of film in late 1984 in the mailbox of television documentary producer Jaime Shandera, who had been collaborating with Moore since 1982. Moore had also been contacted by Doty in 1980, who described himself as representing a shadowy group of 10 military intelligence insiders who claimed to be opposed to the UFO "cover-up." In January 1981, Doty provided Moore with a copy of the phony Aquarius document with mention of MJ Twelve. Sydney Sheldon's 1991 bestseller, *The Doomsday Conspiracy*, which fed fears of a government UFO cover-up, and for which James Hurtak served as

“technical consultant,” relied on the MJ-12 papers as supportive evidence.

The MJ-12 documents were popularized by Paul Bennewitz who, as covered in the documentary *Mirage Men*, was a tragic case of a “useful idiot” of American intelligence. Bennewitz was also involved in spreading the belief of reptilian aliens that had begun to gain popularity in the 1990s. Bennewitz apparently became convinced he had located a secret alien facility that he called Dulce Base, after intercepting what he thought were electronic communications originating from alien spacecraft located outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The notorious Dulce Base, alleged joint human and alien underground facility under Archuleta Mesa on the Colorado-New Mexico border near the town of Dulce, New Mexico, is also not far from Maurice Strong’s Baca ranch. The Colorado-New Mexico border region had emerged as one of the major sites for the cattle-mutilation stories then current in the West. As noted by Michael Barkun, author of *A Culture of Conspiracy: Apocalyptic Visions in Contemporary America*, the area around Baca had already attracted the attention of people interested in the paranormal.

According to Bennewitz’s account, a treaty was brokered between the aliens and the US government, according to which the base was to be operated jointly by the aliens and the CIA. However, treaty violations on the part of the aliens led to open conflict. The aliens are of such power, however, that they cannot be removed. By 1982, Bennewitz had begun to spread his ideas about the Dulce base to others in the ufology community. Bennewitz wrote *Project Beta* in 1988, which was mostly concerned with how the base might be successfully attacked. In 1988, William F. Hamilton III and Jason Bishop III both visited Dulce and wrote extensively about the base. Hamilton described the aliens as “small humanoid beings [that] may belong to the class we know as Reptilia rather than Mammalia.” Bishop called them “descendent [*sic*] from a Reptilian Humanoid Specie.”[853] Thomas Edwin Costello, who claimed he had been a security guard at Dulce, called the aliens at Dulce “reptilian humanoids.”

Moore would later claim in 1989 that he began collaborating with AFOSI in spying on fellow researchers such as Bennewitz, and

dispensing disinformation ostensibly to gain the trust of the military officers, but in reality to learn whatever truth he could glean about UFOs, and how the military manipulated UFO researchers. Moore claims that he tried to push Bennewitz, who had been in a mental health facility on three occasions after suffering severe delusional paranoia, into a mental breakdown by feeding him false information about aliens. Later it would turn out that some of the UFO documents given to Moore were forged by Doty and his collaborarors, or were retyped and altered from the originals.[854] As a result of Moore's involvement, coupled with some surreptitious entries and psychological techniques, Bennewitz ended up in a psychiatric hospital.[855]

Ufologist Linda Moulton Howe was invited to Kirtland AFB by Doty in 1983. Howe is best known for her allegations that cattle are of extraterrestrial origin, and that the US government is involved with aliens. Howe had been working on a documentary on UFOs, and during her visit Doty showed her what he claimed were briefing documents prepared for the president of the United States and which discussed crashed saucers and recovered bodies of ETs, and promised movie footage would be provided. But when footage never appeared, Howe's documentary was cancelled, which she now suspects was the intended purpose.[856]

In November 1987, Howe had a meeting with Captain Collins, which was also attended by John Lear, a former employee of the CIA front called Air America, the son of the famous inventor Bill Lear (the car radio, the Lear jet), and a candidate for the State Legislature in Nevada. Lear has also been a primary source for stories claiming that there are vast underground bases in the Southwest populated by aliens carrying out gruesome biological experiments on human beings, all with the approval of the US Government. At the meeting, Collins presented Howe and Lear with documents concerning MJ-12 and an alien held captive by the government. According to Howe's affidavit, Collins spoke of having worked "behind the scenes" for many years with William Moore.[857]

Howe has supported the veracity of the famous fake video of an alien autopsy from the famous Roswell, which has reignited controversy since a "leaked memo" was allegedly sent to Bigelow

from one of his physicists Eric Davis. The film was released in 1992 by British entrepreneur Ray Santilli, who claimed he obtained it from a retired US military cameraman while seeking archive footage of Elvis Presley in the US. Eventually, fellow film maker Spyros Melaris revealed in 2018 that they had actually faked the footage using animal organs and pig brains. The memo is believed to have been leaked from the archives of Edgar Mitchell.

According to the memo, after scientist Kit Green left the CIA, he was called into the Pentagon by a person in uniform who asked him to professionally evaluate the autopsy photos and reports. Green apparently confirmed the cadaver was real, and revealed that alien forensic tissue and organs were being stored at Walter Reed-Armed Forces Institute for Pathology Medical Museum in Washington DC. However British UFO investigator Philip Mantle, who has probed the footage for fourteen years, has branded it the “world’s largest hoax.” Mantle points out that Santilli film was not made or conceived until 1995, and therefore Green could not have seen what he claimed to have seen in the memo.[858]

Disclosure Project

C.B. Scott Jones of the Human Potential Foundation often escorted Prince Hans-Adam II of Liechtenstein, Knight of the Golden Fleece, the reigning prince of Liechtenstein and the richest monarch in Europe. His second cousin was Prince Vincenz of Liechtenstein, nephew of Otto von Habsburg, who together with Otto’s son and successor, Karl von Habsburg were significantly involved in 2008 in the reorganization of the Ancient Order of St. George, a dynastic order of chivalry of the House of Habsburg. Hans-Adam II is also a member of the 1001 Club, founded in 1971 by Anton Rupert, Prince Philip, and ex-SS officer Bilderberg founder Prince Bernhard, to cover the administrative and fundraising aspects of the World Wildlife Federation (WWF), established in 1948 by Bernhard and Julian Huxley. The list sordid characters associated with the 1001 Club have included Mobutu Sese Seko, Nelson Bunker Hunt, Permindex-founder Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, Bin Lande’s half-

brother Salem Bin Laden, and BCCI founder Agha Hasan Abedi, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, and Juan Carlos of Spain.[859]

Hans-Adam II has a longstanding interest in the paranormal and was a close friend of Senator Pell. Together, they visited parapsychological laboratories and UFO conferences. The personality magazine *Special Report* described the Prince as "Heir to the last remnant of the Holy Roman Empire."[860] Prince Hans-Adam owns LGT banking group and has a family fortune of $7.6 billion and a personal fortune of about $4.0 billion, making him one of the world's richest heads of state, and Europe's wealthiest monarch. [861]

Ufologist Steven Greer claims to have been in contact with Prince Hans-Adam, who revealed to him a supposed extraterrestrial disclosure plan being negotiated in 1989 at the United Nations. Greer is an American retired medical doctor who founded the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CSETI) and The Disclosure Project, which seeks the disclosure of supposedly suppressed UFO information.

Greer's Disclosure Project also received the support of Laurance Rockefeller. According to newly leaked emails disclosed by *WikiLeaks*, John D. Podesta, who served as a top adviser to Obama and President Bill Clinton, wanted to arrange a meeting between Hillary Clinton and Mitchell regarding extraterrestrial disclosure. When Hillary started talking openly about UFOs and government disclosure during her 2016 campaign, some activists traced the remarks back to the 1995 meeting with Laurance. In 1995, when she was photographed visiting Rockefeller in Jackson Hole, she had tucked under her arm a copy of *Are We Alone?: Philosophical Implications of the Discovery of Extraterrestrial Life*, by Paul Davies. Before that meeting, John H. Gibbons, the former director of the White House Office's of Science and Technology Policy, had warned her about Rockefeller, who had spent years pressuring the government to release files relating to a 1947 crash near Roswell, that had become the source of theories about a cover-up of an alien spaceship. He will "want to talk to you about his interest in extrasensory perception, paranormal phenomena and UFOs," Mr. Gibbons wrote.[862]

Hillary Clinton has vowed that barring any threats to national security, she would open up government files on the subject of extraterrestrials, a shift from President Obama.[863] “The time to pull back the curtain on the topic is long overdue,” Podesta wrote in his foreword for the 2010 book *UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go on the Record*, by investigative journalist Leslie Kean. According to newly leaked emails disclosed by *WikiLeaks*, Podesta wanted to arrange a meeting between Clinton and IONS founder Edgar Mitchell regarding extraterrestrial disclosure. “Remember,” Mitchell wrote to Podesta, “Remember, our nonviolent ETI from the contiguous universe are helping us bring zero-point energy to Earth. They will not tolerate any forms of military violence on Earth or in space.” Mitchell asked for “a conversation with you and President Obama regarding the next steps in extraterrestrial disclosure for the benefit of our country and our planet.”[864]

Laurance Rockefeller became interested in UFOs in later life. In 1993, along with his niece, Anne Bartley, the stepdaughter of Winthrop Rockefeller and the then-president of the Rockefeller Family Fund, he established the UFO Disclosure Initiative to the Clinton White House. They asked for all UFO information held by the government, including from the CIA and the US Air Force, to be declassified and released to the public. The first and most important test case where declassification had to apply, according to Rockefeller, was the Roswell UFO incident. In September 1994, the Air Force categorically denied the incident was UFO-related. Rockefeller briefed Clinton on the results of his initiative in 1995. Clinton did produce an Executive Order in late 1994 to declassify numerous documents in the National Archives, but this did not specifically refer to UFO-related files.

According to Greer, Prince Hans-Adam was participating in the high-level negotiations involving Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Mikhail Gorbachev, along with other world leaders who were meeting with Perez de Cuellar. However, before they could conclude their plan, de Cuellar was abducted by aliens, who threatened that if they persisted in their disclosure plan, they would abduct every world leader involved, including the President of the United States.

However, Greer went on to explain that the event was actually a staged abduction. It involved highly classified corporate programs using bioengineered “Programmed Life Forms” (PLFs) designed to look like real extraterrestrials. He explained that the PLFs, which he called “aliens” as opposed to genuine extraterrestrials, were used in many thousands of false flag abduction events to fool the world into believing we were facing an extraterrestrial threat. The PLFs would implant abductees with tracking chips so they could easily be abducted in the future by the corporations involved. According to Greer, extraterrestrials are not involved in abductions or other actions hostile to human beings. Instead, he claims, hostile acts are indicative of a false flag event staged by rogue classified programs run by transnational corporations in cooperation with elements of military-intelligence community of the world’s leading nations.

To support his claims, Greer supplied documents confirming his communications with Prince Hans-Adam, whom he apparently met in New York in July 1994. The letters show that Hans-Adam had agreed with Greer’s analysis of the role of transnational corporations in managing the UFO phenomenon, but contrary to Greer, thought that he had little chance of success in his disclosure efforts. Greer further supplied a document from the Strategic Studies Institute located inside the US Army War College, which detailed an elaborate psychological warfare plan to deceive the world about extraterrestrial life by staging false flag alien abductions.

Another source of Greer’s claims is the abductee researcher Budd Hopkins, a very close associate of Prince Hans-Adam II von Liechtenstein. Hopkins was also closely associated with with General Stubblebin’s wife Rima Laibow who also claimed to be an abductee. According to Greer, there is a worldwide control group of about 200 to 300 members who are suppressing knowledge of extraterrestrial technologies. Greer also mentions reports of satanic initiations among this group. Their aim is to establish a one-world government and to reduce the world’s population to a fraction of its current size. Supposedly, there is a plan in place to stage an alien threat on the earth with so-called “alien reproduction vehicles” (ARVs) manned by PLFs.

Christic Institute

Serving as General Counsel to the Disclosure Project was famed civil rights lawyer Daniel Sheehan. Many of the details about Shackley's secret team were revealed in a $24 million civil suit filed in 1986 by the Christic Institute, founded by Daniel Sheehan. After obtaining his law degree from Harvard in 1970, Sheehan was recruited by the Wall Street law firm of Wall Street, the law firm of Cahill, Gordon, Sonnett, Reindel & Ohl. Sheehan's most well-known case was the Pentagon Papers' landmark First Amendment case of *New York Times*, Co. v. U.S. where he served as Co-Counsel, before the United States Supreme Court. He was also a member of F. Lee Bailey's law firm, which represented Watergate burglar James McCord at the time he wrote his famous letter to Judge John Sirica, which revealed the existence of the infamous "Plumbers Unit."

Sheehan also served as pro bono Associate Counsel for the New York Black Panther Party when they were accused of a bombing conspiracy. In 1973, Sheehan served as the Chief Trail Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and to become Amicus Curiae Counsel for the American Indian Movement (AIM) during The Wounded Knee Occupation Cases. During his tenure with the ACLU, Sheehan litigated several important First Amendment cases, including: In successfully defending *Last Tango in Paris* against obscenity and overturning a decision by the school district in Drake, North Dakota that banned and burned the Kurt Vonnegut novel *Slaughterhouse Five*.

In 1975, Sheehan was recruited General Counsel to the United States Jesuit Order's National Office of Social Ministry in Washington, D.C., where he partnered with Father William Davis, who introduced him to and connected him with leaders of the country's religious and progressive movements. There, Dan served as Legal Counsel for Fathers Daniel and Phillip Berrigan, Dick Gregory, Dr. Benjamin Spock, and Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) President Dr. Ralph David Abernathy among many others.

In 1977, Dan was contacted by leaders of the National Organization for Women (NOW), seeking to bring attention to the

death of Karen Silkwood. In 1980, Sheehan, his wife Sara Nelson, and their partner, William J. Davis, founded the Christic Institute, based on the ecumenical teachings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, and on the lessons they learned from their experience in the Silkwood case. The Christic Institute's 1986 lawsuit named thirty Iran-Contra figures as defendants, including John F. Hull, Ted Shackley, Thomas G. Clines, Richard V. Secord, John K. Singlaub, Robert W. Owen, Rafael Quintero, Albert Hakim, Adolfo Calero, Pablo Escobar, Jorge Ochoa and eighteen others as major figures in a racketeering network involved in assassinations, as well as arms and drug trafficking. In 1988, Judge James L. King ruled that Sheehan's allegations were "based on unsubstantiated rumor and speculation from unidentified sources with no firsthand knowledge."[865] In February, 1989, Judge King ruled that Sheenan had brought a frivolous lawsuit and ordered his Christic Institute to pay the defendants $955,000. This was one of the highest sanction orders in history and represented four times the total assets of the Christic Institute.

An anonymous article for *The Journal of Defense and Diplomacy*, which was assumed to have been was written by Ted Shackley, suggested that Christic Institute was under the control of the Soviet Union, and claimed: "This attack is part of a long-range plan to weaken the entire U.S. intelligence community." [866] In her book, *Legal Terrorism: The Truth About the Christic Institute*, Susan Huck repeated the attack and claimed that the Sheenan lawsuit had advanced "Soviet interests" and that the Christic Institute had been devoted to "weakening the United States and supporting our enemies." This was as a result of Shackley's "record of thwarting Moscow and Havana for three decades." [867] In 1995, the Christic Institute moved to Los Angeles and Mikhail Gorbachev appointed Sheehan as director of the Strategic Initiative to Identify the New Global Paradigm. One of Sheehan's tasks was "to try to identify the new principles of a new paradigm that would replace anti-Communism and anti-capitalism as the primary new organizing principle for major global institutions after the Cold War." [868]

In 2001, Greer and Sheehan serving as General Counsel to the Disclosure Project, coordinated the sworn testimony before

members of the United States Congress of former U.S. Military Officers, Federal Aviation Administration officials, and NASA employees, attesting to direct personal knowledge of Government information concerning the UFO phenomenon and the potential existence of extraterrestrial intelligence. Sheehan also served as General Counsel to the Institute for Cooperation in Space, a US citizens group dedicated to banning space-based weapons and the development of any weapons intended for offensive use against potential extraterrestrial civilizations. He has also presented, on multiple occasions, a talk on the Philosophical and Theological Implications of the Human Discovery of Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence at the International UFO Congress.

Alien Abductions

Laurance Rockefeller funded the research of Harvard Medical School Professor Dr. John E. Mack, author of *Passport to the Cosmos*. Mack was a professor at Harvard Medical School, a Pulitzer Prize-winning winner for the biography of T. E. Lawrence, and a leading authority on the spiritual or transformational effects of alien abduction experiences. As pointed out by Alex Constantine, less well-known is Mack's "deep background in psychoanalyzing fear and trauma in children, leadership in political organizations with CIA ties, an obsession with Werner Erhard's mind control techniques, and a $200,000 donation from Rockefeller, channeled through C.B. Scott Jones's Human Potential Foundation to fund his therapeutic work with 'alien' abductees."[869]

Mack remains probably the most esteemed academic to have studied the subject. The BBC quoted Mack as saying, "I would never say, yes, there are aliens taking people. [But] I would say there is a compelling powerful phenomenon here that I can't account for in any other way, that's mysterious. Yet I can't know what it is but it seems to me that it invites a deeper, further inquiry."[870] Mack suggested that abduction accounts might best be understood as part of the worldwide history of visionary experiences. One example being the vision quest common to some Native American cultures. Only fairly

recently in Western culture, notes Mack, have such visionary events been interpreted as aberrations or as mental illness.

Mack's theory set him apart from many of his contemporaries, such as Budd Hopkins, a member of Bigelow's NIDS, who advocated the physical reality of aliens. It is Hopkins who is often credited with popularizing the idea of alien abductions as genetic experimentation, through the publication of his book *Intruders*.[871] Training programs, begun in 1992 with the leadership and support of Bigelow, were organized in various American cities by Budd Hopkins, John Carpenter and David Jacobs, to familiarize many mental health professionals with their claims about alien abduction.[872] Hopkins organized the 1992 Abduction Study Conference along with professors David Jacobs and John Mack held at MIT. The conference was intended to show the world that the case for UFO abductions was real. It was at this conference that the Linda Cortile case, supposedly involving Perez de Cuellar, was first announced to the press and the scientific world.

The Cortile case, later published as Hopkins' book *Witnessed: the True Story of the Brooklyn Bridge UFO Abductions*, focused on a woman who was allegedly drawn out of her twelfth story window in Lower Manhattan and lifted up into a brightly lit UFO at 3:00 AM, November 30, 1989, something Hopkins called "the most important" UFO-abduction case of the century.[873] Hopkins based much of his evidence on letters sent to him by two key witnesses: aliases "Richard" and "Dan". The two men were, initially, thought to be police officers, but inquiries at the local police department revealed no such officers. Richard and Dan later said they were not police officers, but security/intelligence agents. Hopkins admitted to having never met the men in person. Attempts made by parapsychologist George Hansen, MUFON's state director for New Jersey, Joseph J. Stefula, and former Air Force Security Police, Richard Butler, were unsuccessful in locating the two witnesses. This lead them to conclude that no hard evidence was available to confirm the men existed. Another key witness, addressed in the story by Hopkins as the "Third Man," was later identified as former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Javier Perez du f, who denied having anything to do with the alleged incident.[874]

Critics also asked the obvious question: how could such an event go almost entirely unnoticed in the middle of a busy city, especially since the incident supposedly took place on the highly trafficked area such as the Brooklyn Bridge.[875] Hopkins proffered the excuse that the aliens either used their "power" to make themselves selectively invisible or selectively "switched off" the consciousness of witnesses.[876]

The truth is, these incidents were only recalled through hypnosis. However, Hopkins gave little validity to expert opinion such as that of psychologist Robert A. Baker, of the University of Kentucky, whose studies revealed that hypnosis can "transform a dream, a hallucination or fantasy into a seemingly-real event."[877] This is known as the fabrication of spurious memories and is particularly common under hypnosis.[878] The idea of repressed memories has, largely, been dismissed by the scientific community. Psychological research demonstrates that, rather than forgetting what has happened in a traumatic event, most people find they are unable to stop thinking about it. [879] What concerns critics is that the details of UFO abduction stories, such as the ones Hopkins describes in his work, usually occur only after consultation with some sort of UFO investigator who already has an inclination to believe in alien abduction scenarios. According to Baker, "These people are literally talked into believing they've been abducted."[880]

That is precisely what was eventually revealed by one of David Jacobs' subjects Emma Woods, who between December 2004 and February 2007 was subjected to ninety-one hypnosis sessions by phone. Woods recorded these conversations, which she found to be "increasingly bizarre and psychologically abusive." According to Hopkins' ex-wife Carol Rainey, listening to these recordings confirmed many of her suspicions and concerns. She remarked:

> It will also become clear that what Hopkins and Jacobs claim as "the powerful evidence" for alien abductions and hybrids among us is based primarily on the powerful, hypnotic repetition of their own proclamations - and the public's gullibility in believing whatever unfounded theories these star paranormal investigators punt down the field.[881]

Jacobs diagnosed Woods with MPD (Multiple Personality Disorder) and prescribed medication, despite the fact that having a PhD in history didn't qualify him to do so. Throughout their sessions, Jacobs manipulated Woods to confess to various sordid and violent sexual encounters with a human/alien hybrid. In one session he requested, following such a supposed encounter, that she send him her panties, unwashed, so they could be tested for alien sperm. He repeatedly commanded her to do so "without even thinking about it," to serve as an attempted post-hypnotic amnesia block to prevent me from remembering it. Commenting that it would contribute to "no fuss, no muss." Additionally, he suggested to her that she wear a chastity belt with nails across the vaginal opening, and offered to purchase one for her, in his own words, from "a sex shop that specialized in bondage/dominance, a place that I frequented quite often."[882]

Coast to Coast AM

Starting in 1997, Col. John B. Alexander became a key figure on *Coast to Coast AM*, the radio program hosted by Art Bell, which became widely popular for its discussion of the conspiracies, paranormal and UFOs. According to *The Washington Post* in its February 23, 1997, edition, Bell was at the time America's highest-rated late-night radio talk show host, broadcast on 328 stations. According to *The Oregonian* in its June 22 edition of the same year, Coast to Coast AM with Bell was on 460 stations. At its initial peak in popularity, Coast to Coast AM was syndicated on more than 500 radio stations and claimed 15 million listeners nightly.

Since 1998, Coast to Coast AM has been controlled by Clear Channel Communications, founded by Lowry Mays and Red McCombs. Mays was a major financier of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation, presided by Brent Scowcroft. McCombs, in March 2011, together with Admiral Bobby Ray Inman, a former deputy director of the CIA and head of the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and the NSA, as well as John Ashcroft, took over Erik Prince's Blackwater. McCombs succeeded Prince as chairman. [883]

The show featured the pantheon of denizens of Project Stargate, including Ed Dames, Richard C. Hoagland, Terence McKenna, Graham Hancock, Zecharia Sitchin, Dannion Brinkley, David John Oates, and Robert Bigelow. Philip Corso appeared with Alexander in 1997. Other guests associated with the CNP and John Birch Society include G. Edward Griffin, Charles R. Smith, CNP member Jerome Corsi, Jeffrey NyQuist, Joel Skousen, Malachi Martin, Father Nicholas Gruner and William Jasper. Gruner denounced the "New World Order" and its New Age "one-world religion." Gruner has appeared in at least one John Birch Society film. Rama Coomaraswamy was invited in 2006. John Loftus was invited in 2005 and 2012. Catherine Austin Fitts has appeared dozens of times on the show. Frequent guests included Robert and Ryan Wood, whose research on MJ-12 documents was financed by Joe Firmage.[884] Well-known JFK researcher Mark Lane, who became involved in the Liberty Lobby. In 1978, Lane was evacuated from the Jonestown cult premises, along with CIA agent Richard Dwyer, just before the mass suicide began.[885] Dan Aykroyd was also a guest.

Beginning in late 1996, Bell was criticized for reporting rumors that Comet Hale-Bopp was being trailed by a UFO. It was speculated that members of the Heaven's Gate group committed mass suicide based on rumors Bell aired. Heaven's Gate was among a number of millenarian cults characterized as "UFO Religions," which also included the Solar Temple. The founders, who were influenced by a combination of Theosophy and science fiction, believed themselves to be the "two witnesses" of the Book of Revelations. Members reportedly believed themselves to be aliens, awaiting a spaceship that would arrive with Comet Hale-Bopp. But others dismissed the idea, noting that the Heaven's Gate website stated: "Whether Hale-Bopp has a 'companion' or not is irrelevant from our perspective."[886] Susan Wright reported, however, that Bell was also "one of the first to publicize expert opinions refuting the 'alien' companion" said to have been shadowing Hale-Bopp.[887]

Remote viewer Courtney Brown was interviewed on his show and claimed that three "remote viewers" associated with his institute determined it to be a metallic object full of aliens.[888] Tragically, on

March 26, 1997, police discovered the bodies of 39 members of, Heaven's Gate, an American UFO religious group based in San Diego, California, had committed mass suicide in order to reach the purported alien space craft following the comet. Courtney Brown, PhD founded the Farsight Institute in 1995. He was trained in remote-viewing by Ed Dames, who in turn was trained by Ingo Swann. Dames claimed to have been the operations and training officer for INSCOM's remote-viewing program starting around late 1983. He also took courses at the Monroe Institute and was the founder of Psi-Tech. His book details his psychic conversations with aliens, and repeats allegations similar to those made by Dames, Ingo Swann, Joe McMoneagle, and others.

Face on Mars

Dr. Richard Hoagland bills himself a former NASA consultant and CBS News advisor. In 1971, it was Hoagland who came up with the idea he passed on the Carl Sagan, of equipping the Pioneer 100, the first space probe to leave the solar system, with a plaque bearing symbolic information about human civilization, and a diagram indicating the Earth as the third planet from the Sun. He was also instrumental in the campaign to name the first space shuttle "Enterprise," inspired by his friend Gene Roddenbery, creator of *Star Trek*.

In 1983, Hoagland was working for SRI on a project concerning the rings of Saturn, and while studying photos from the Viking archive, found what he believed to be a pyramid complex near the "face" on Mars, in the Cydonia region. The "face" on Mars refers to an unusual photograph taken by Viking 1 probe in 1976 when in Mars' orbit. Hoagland's writings claim "the Face on Mars" is part of a city built on Cydonia Planitia consisting of very large pyramids and mounds arranged in a geometric pattern, which must be trying to "tell us something." According to Hoagland:

> For it is now clear… that, if appropriately researched and applied to many current global problems, the potential "radical technologies" that might be developed from the "Message of

> Cydonia" could significantly assist the world in a dramatic transition to a real "new world order"… if not a literal New World. [889]

The myth of alien-constructed structures on Mars was first proposed by James Hurtak. The American and European Director of Operations for Hoagland's Mars Mission were, respectively, David Myers and David Percy, important promoters of the myth of alien-constructed structures on Mars first proposed by Hurtak. According to Uri Geller, the Face on Mars had been discovered by remote viewing in the early 1970s.[890] In fact, Hoagland's interpretation of the "monuments" of Mars comes directly from The Nine.

Myers is another channeler of The Nine, also in contact with "Tom." Myers is co-author with Percy of *Two-Thirds*, a history of the galaxy and the human race according to Myers' other-worldly contacts. Percy touts himself as an award-winning film and television producer, member of the Royal Photographic Society, and is best known as a champion of the "Face on Mars" and the moon-landing hoax theory. He was involved in the making of two Moon Hoax movies, *Dark Moon: Apollo and the Whistle-Blowers* and *What Happened On the Moon?*

Hoagland described his theories in *The Monuments of Mars: A City on the Edge of Forever*, and co-authored the book *Dark Mission: The Secret History of NASA*, a *New York Times* Best Seller. Hoagland claims that advanced civilizations exist or once existed on the Moon, Mars and on some of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn, and that NASA and the United States government have conspired to keep these facts secret as explained in the "the Brookings Report." Among Hoagland's other claims are that the US government has covered up the presence of extraterrestrials, that the Space Agency murdered the Apollo 1 astronauts, that NASA missions to Mars are a "well documented interest of the Bush family,"[891] and that there is a clandestine space program which uses antigravity technology reverse-engineered from lunar artifacts and communicated by secret societies. He goes on to say that NASA is suppressing knowledge of an ancient civilization on the Moon, and that the advanced

technology of this civilization is lying around on the Moon's surface. [892]

Hoagland's connection to the Bush administration was Dr. George A. Keyworth, former science advisor to Ronald Reagan, who had apparently been advising him on various background matters pertaining to NASA's supposed cover-up of artificial structures on Mars. Keyworth later became one of the most vocal proponents of Reagan's SDI or "Star Wars" initiative. Prior to being appointed presidential science advisor in May 1981, Keyworth was P-Division (Physics) Leader at Los Alamos National. According to his own biography, Keyworth led the laboratory's programs in experimental physics, condensed matter research, astrophysics and space science and laser fusion. He also oversaw the diagnostic program of underground nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site as well as programs for satellite-based verification of compliance with nuclear test treaties. Keyworth has served on the board of directors of various companies including Hewlett Packard and participating in a Washington DC think tank the Progress and Freedom Foundation. In 1983, then at SRI, Hoagland made overtures to Keyworth in order to secure funding for further research from the President's Fund, a discretionary source under the direct control of the President.[893]

On behalf of Keyworth, Hoagland is an agent of influence for the Center for Security Policy (CSP), which serves as the de facto nerve center of the missile defense lobby.[894] According to John C. Haich, the CSP used Hoagland and his "Enterprise Mission" to bolster public interest in Mars exploration in order to apply pressure to President Bush to support a significant increase in funding for the space program under the auspices of Project Prometheus. The goal of Project Prometheus is the development of enabling technologies for the military control of space under the cover of peaceful space exploration. The program had the backing of Vice President Dick Cheney and NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe.[895]

Magic 12

When Hoagland decided to set up a project to study the features further, he approached the Institute for the Study of Consciousness,

founded by Arthur M. Young, who introduced him to Lambert Dolphin Jr., who had headed the SRI expedition to Giza in the 1970s. Dolphin is an evangelical Christian fundamentalist, who at the same time he was leading the Giza expedition was also helping Jewish fundamentalists search the original foundations for the purpose of rebuilding the Temple of Jerusalem. Hoagland and Dolphin formed the Independent Mars Mission, with funding from SRI.

All related to the communications from The Nine, and the research of the SRI and Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) at Giza in Egypt, these authors are characterized by Picknett and Prince, in *Stargate Conspiracy,* as part of a conspiracy for the "manipulation of beliefs about the origins and history of human civilization, in particular of beliefs about the existence of an advanced civilization in the ancient past and its influence on the earliest known historical civilizations, primarily that of Egypt."[896] Expressed through a number of popular pseudo-scientific non-fiction works of a field known as "Alternative Egyptology," the best-known names in this conspiracy are Robert Temple, John Anthony West, Robert Bauval and Graham Hancock, whose works have been instrumental in arousing interest in the "mysteries" of ancient Egypt. In 1998 Graham Hancock wrote *The Mars Mystery: The Secret Connection Between Earth and the Red Planet*, supporting the views of Richard Hoagland on Cydonia and the idea that there once existed an advanced human civilization on Mars.

In 1990, Dr. Zahi Hawass granted a license to John Anthony West and Robert Schoch, known as the Schoch Project, backed by the University of Boston, where Schoch was a professor also influenced by Schwaller de Lubicz, the synarchist founder of *Les Veilleurs*. In 1993 West's work with Schoch was presented by Charlton Heston in a NBC special called *The Mystery of the Sphinx* that won West an News & Documentary Emmy Award for Best Research and a nomination for Best Documentary. Investors in the project included Dr. Joseph M. Schor, one of two leading members of ARE, whose aim was to fulfill the prediction made by Edgar Cayce in 1933 that a secret chamber would be discovered under the Sphinx

that contained the so-called “Hall of Records,” a repository of Atlantean knowledge.

ARE had also arranged a scholarship for Dr. Zahi Hawass at the University of Pennsylvania, where he gained his PhD in Egyptology, before going on to become Egypt’s Minister of State for Antiquities Affairs. The project’s main discovery was water erosion on the Sphinx, but it also undertook seismographic tests to detect the possible existence of chambers beneath the Sphinx. According to Bauval and Hancock, a total of nine chambers in all were discovered, which they called the Genesis chamber. Also enthusiastic about these discoveries was Dr. Hawass, who suggested they may represent the symbolic “tomb of Osiris.”[897]

Also in 1993, Rudolf Gatenbrink famously sent a robot fitted with a camera to explore shafts in the pyramid of Giza. Bauval seized upon the opportunity to interpret Gatenbrink’s data to suggest that the southern shaft of what is called the Queen’s Chamber would have been aligned to the star Sirius in around 2450 BC, which therefore must have been the date of its construction. However, Bauval’s claim had nothing to do with the research of Gatenbrink, who rejected Bauval’s theory, but was rather developed from ideas first proposed by James Hurtak and derived from Masonic literature dating back at least to the late nineteenth century.[898]

One of the many recurring themes in several of Hancock’s works has been an exposition on the “Orion Correlation Theory” (or OCT). It was the subject of a bestseller, *The Orion Mystery* by Robert Bauval, as well as a BBC documentary, *The Great Pyramid: Gateway to the Stars* in 1994. The OCT proposes that the layout and formation of the pyramids of Giza correspond to the stars in the constellation of Orion. This is taken as evidence by the authors of advanced knowledge of the stars, which could indicate the extra-terrestrial origins of its builders.

The book that launched Hancock’s career as a bestseller was *The Sign and the Seal* (1992), where, following clues found in the Bible, the Grail epic of Eschenbach and the Knights Templar, he traces the location of the Ark of the Covenant from its supposed source in ancient Egypt, to Jerusalem, and from there to its final resting place in Ethiopia. In *Fingerprints of the Gods* (1995), without

stating so explicitly, Hancock attempts to prove the historical accounts of Theosophy, by attempting to prove that a universal cataclysm took place, presumably the sinking of Atlantis, and that numerous cultures of the ancient world report the occurrence of "white gods" who taught them the arts of civilization, the proof of which are the various enigmatic monuments around the world. Hancock has since updated his Ancient Aliens hypothesis by marrying it with the entheogen thesis, by suggesting that "supernatural" entities such as aliens and fairies are actually transdimensional beings encountered by human beings under altered states of consciousness, most likely achieved by ingesting psilocybin mushrooms or ayahuasca. It was through such "contact," he proposes, that early human civilizations learned advanced skills from their encounters with these beings.

These authors started forming expectations about a Giza discovery around year 2000, which was supposed to herald the Age of Aquarius. The source of these predictions were not only the visions of Edgar Cayce, but the traditions of AMORC. Spencer Lewis claimed to have inside knowledge about Giza derived from the "Rosicrucian Archives" which formed a major part of AMORC's beliefs. These ideas formed the bedrock of Bauval's Project Equinox 2000, announced in 1998, and based around a group of twelve authors in addition to himself, whom he referred to as the Magic 12. It originally included Graham Hancock, John Anthony West, Andrew Collins, Robert Temple, Michal Baigent, one of the authors of the *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, and Christopher Knights and Robert Lomas, authors of the *Hiram Key*, which contains a radical hypothesis regarding the origins of Freemasonry, seeking to demonstrate a heritage through the Knights Templar to the Jerusalem Church and Pharaoic Egypt.

One of the most influential books written about the mysteries of Egypt, Robert K. G. Temple's 1976 book, *The Sirius Mystery*, which presents the hypothesis that the Dogon people of Mali in west Africa preserve a tradition of contact with intelligent extraterrestrial beings from the Sirius star-system. Temple's attention was first drawn to the mythology of the Dogon by Arthur M. Young, who with Puharich and others had been one of those present at the first contact with the

Nine in 1952. Young introduced Temple to the subject of the Dogon through a French book called *Le Renard pale*, which he in turn received from Harry Smith. Known as a surrealist filmmaker, Smith was a member of the OTO and claimed that Aleister Crowley was "probably" his biological father.[899] Known for experimenting heavily in hallucinogenic drugs, Smith became a hero of the Beat generation of the 50s and the Hippies of the 60s, and in the last years of his life was financed by the *Grateful Dead*. He produced the *Folkways* anthology, which became an important influence for such artists as Bob Dylan and received a Grammy in 1991 for his contribution to the music industry.

Temple's *The Sirius Mystery* attracted the attention of the CIA, MI5 and the Freemasons. Temple was approached by Charles E. Webber, 33rd degree Scottish Rite and an old friend of his family and Mason, who had been high-ranking generations for generations, and asked him to join the Masons, in order to be able to discuss the book without divulging the order's secrets. Webber told Temple:

> We are very interested in your book *The Sirius Mystery*. We realize you have written this book without any knowledge of the traditions of Masonry, and you may not be aware of this, but you have made some discoveries which relate to the most central traditions at a high level, including some things that none of us ever knew.[900]

The Magic 12 were to hold a series of conferences held on the equinoxes and solstices throughout the year 1999, at locations regarded as the major Hermetic sites of the world, such as Giza, Alexandria, Stonehenge and San Jose, the headquarters of AMORC. According to Bauval, the purpose was to perform a global ritual symbolizing the return of the Hermetic tradition to Egypt. The year's rituals were to culminate on New Years Eve, when the 12 authors would deliver their "message to the planet" in front of the Sphinx, and which would mark the "return of the gods" to Egypt.

Hawass, who is also linked to AMORC, had announced that a ceremony of blatant Masonic symbolism was also to take place, where a gold capstone was going to be placed on the top of the

Great Pyramid, but the event was finally cancelled due to overwhelming protests. Hawass has received widespread publicity internationally, and was the subject of a reality television series in the US, *Chasing Mummies*. But his links to business ventures and the Mubarak regime caused controversy. In connection with the awarding of a gift shop contract at the Egyptian Museum and alleged smuggling of antiquities, he was sentenced to a prison term, which was later lifted.

14. Christofascism

Armageddon

A 2002 poll indicated that 59 percent of Americans believed the events predicted in the Book of Revelation would come to pass.[901] The Brookings Institute recently released the results of their survey entitled “American Attitudes Toward the Middle East and Israel,” which discovered that 73 percent of America’s 50 million Evangelical Christians believe that world events would turn against Israel the closer we get to the End Times. Additionally, 79 percent of Evangelicals interpret the unfolding violence across the Middle East as a sign that the End Times are near.[902] As one Evangelical, James Bagg, explained, “You see God has a plan for the world and it all centers around Israel.” Evangelicals control some 60,000 US radio stations. They meet in 25,000-member megachurches and sit on school boards and legislatures across the country. What they all share is the belief that Israel must forever remain a Jewish state. End Times theology declares that the Jewish people must maintain control of Israel and Jerusalem, and retake the Al-Aqsa Mosque (the Dome of the Rock), or Jesus cannot return. The most immediate and obvious obstacle to realization of these goals is the fact that two historic Islamic structures which are thirteen centuries old, namely the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, are built on top of the Temple Mount. Al Aqsa is the third holiest site in Sunni Islam. Muslims believe that Muhammad was transported from the Sacred Mosque in Mecca to al-Aqsa during the Night Journey, known as the *Isra* and *Mi’raj*. Thus Evangelicals risk creating what the Rev. Barbara Rossing calls “a self-fulfilling prophesy of death and destruction.”[903]

ISIS are merely a caricature of Western prejudices of Islam, deliberately manipulated by the media to feed Evangelical paranoia about the same End Times prophecies, which as Graeme Wood observed in “What ISIS Really Wants” for *The Atlantic*, are

diametrically opposite to the End Times expectations that drive ISIS' military strategy. Being that Islam is derived from the same Judeo-Christian tradition, there are many parallels to the prophecies of the *Book of Revelation* found in Islamic literature, including the coming of Gog and Magog, and the return of Jesus Christ, who will lead righteous Muslims in vanquishing the anti-Christ (referred to as *Dajjal*), who in this case will have mislead a coalition Jews and Christians. As noted by Jay Michaelson in "Evangelicals & ISIS Feel Fine About the End of the World," writing in *The Daily Beast*:

> What if two mortal enemies both wanted a cataclysmic, world-ending battle, at roughly the same time, in roughly the same place?
>
> Can you say "self-fulfilling prophecy"?[904]

For the most fanatical, the countdown to Armageddon began with the return of the Jews to Israel, followed quickly by further signs pointing to the nearness of a final showdown: nuclear weapons, European integration, Israel's seizure of Jerusalem, and America's wars in Afghanistan and the Gulf.[905] The Brookings Institute recently released the results of their survey entitled "American Attitudes Toward the Middle East and Israel," which discovered that 73 percent of America's 50 million Evangelical Christians believe that world events would turn against Israel the closer we get to End Times. Additionally, 79 percent of Evangelicals interpret the unfolding violence across the Middle East as a sign that the End Times are near.[906]

The same eschatological expectations are defining the confused and barbaric mission of ISIS. ISIS are the necessary antithesis in the Clash of Civilizations. They are a caricature of Western prejudices of Islam, deliberately manipulated by the media to feed Evangelical paranoia about the End Times. According to Jay Michaelson, who wrote a PhD dissertation on Sabbatai Zevi:

> Indeed, as a student of millennialism for some time… it was shocking to see the congruence between the Islamic State's

> vision of the End Times and that of evangelical Christianity: a large battle somewhere north to northeast of Jerusalem, a final battle in Jerusalem with the near-defeat of the heroic believers by an Antichrist figure, and then Jesus appearing from heaven to win the battle once and for all.[907]

The age-old millenarian aspirations of the occult secret societies, who seek the fulfillment of the *Book of Revelation*, have been reshaped for modern audiences as the "Clash of Civilizations," or Armageddon, a final showdown between Muslims and Christians, each with competing expectations of their prophecies of the return of the Messiah Jesus. Ultimately, the clash serves as an Hegelian Dialectic to be manipulated to advance the Zionist ambitions of the State of Israel, by pitting Evangelical Christians against the most obnoxious example of Islamic Salafist and Muslim Brotherhood fanaticism, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, also known as ISIS.

The Family

The various strains of American conservatism, including the Old and New Right, the Christian Right, Knights of Malta and Iran-Contra conspirators, all converged in the Council for National Policy (CNP), a powerful and highly secretive umbrella organization and networking group for American conservative activists, founded in 1981. The CNP was described by *The New York Times* as a "little-known group of a few hundred of the most powerful conservatives in the country," who meet three times yearly behind closed doors at undisclosed locations for a confidential conference, "to strategize about how to turn the country to the right."[908] Max Blumenthal in the *Nation* referred to it a secretive organization that "networks wealthy right-wing donors together with top conservative operatives to plan long-term movement strategy."[909]

According to Chris Hedges and David Neiwert, groups like the Moral Majority and the CNP, carry on the tradition of Christofacism that began with Gerald K. Smith, William Dudley Pelley, the John Birch Society, and the Posse Comitatus movement, while the patriot

movement and militia movement represented efforts to mainstream the philosophy in the 1990s.[910] Among the CNPs founding members were: Tim LaHaye, Nelson Bunker Hunt, T. Cullen Davis, William Cies, and Paul Weyrich. By the mid-80s, Weyrich's Heritage Foundation had emerged as a key organization in the national conservative movement, publishing influential reports on domestic and defense issues, as well as pieces by prominent conservatives, such as Bob Dole and CNP member Pat Robertson. In 1986, *Time* called Heritage "the foremost of the new breed of advocacy tanks."[911]

Among the country's most militant Christian extremists was Chuck Colson, Watergate conspirator and friend to E. Howard Hunt. Colson converted to Christianity and became a protégé of Douglas Coe, who after Abram Vereide's death in 1969, assumed control of The Fellowship, also known as The Family. Under Vereide's arrangement, Coe was mentored by Billy Graham. Coe, who has been referred to as the "stealth Billy Graham,"[912] expanded The Fellowship's branches worldwide, and solicited the financial support of the Lilly Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts.[913] Colson described the Fellowship as a "veritable underground of Christ's men all through the U.S. government."[914]

Coe and other leaders of The Fellowship have explained the organization's desire for secrecy by citing biblical admonitions against public displays of good works, insisting they would not be able to tackle diplomatically sensitive missions if they drew public attention.[915] Coe cited one of his favorite scripture verses, *Matthew* 18:20, "When two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them," and remarked, "Hitler, Goebbels and Himmler were three men. Think of the immense power these three men had… But they bound themselves together in an agreement… Jesus said, 'You have to put me before other people. And you have to put me before yourself.' Hitler, that was the demand to be in the Nazi party. You have to put the Nazi party and its objectives ahead of your own life and ahead of other people."[916]

The Family has interlocking leadership with the New Age "Cultural Creative" Movement in the person of Paul N. Temple, a

former Standard Oil executive who was also instrumental in founding the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS) as well as the World Business Academy. In 1987, The Family co-sponsored a conference, “Bridging Through Christ” at the Goldlake New Age center near Boulder, Colorado. Barbara Marx Hubbard and Douglas Coe co-chaired the event. David Spangler, Findhorn Community representatives, Conservative Baptist Seminary representatives including Vernon Grounds and Gordon Lewis participated. The bridge appears to have been Paul N. Temple, a major funder of both IONS and The Family, through his Three Swallows Foundation.[917] Pell once introduced Temple to a group of senators on Capitol Hill as “the most truly good man I know.”[918]

Coe is Al Gore’s friend and hero. In 2005, Coe was named one of the 25 most influential Evangelicals in the United States by *Time* magazine.[919] D. Michael Lindsay, a former Rice University sociologist who studies the evangelical movement, interviewed 360 evangelical elites, among whom one in three mentioned Coe or the Fellowship as an important influence.[920] Lindsay said, “there is no other organization like the Fellowship, especially among religious groups, in terms of its access or clout among the country’s leadership.”[921] Lindsay also reported that lawmakers mentioned the Fellowship more than any other organization when asked to name a ministry with the most influence on their faith.[922]

Guest speakers at the Breakfast have included, besides the president, King Abdullah II of Jordan, Elizabeth Dole, Tony Blair, even Bono. Coe was a behind-the-scenes player at the Camp David Accords in 1978, working with President Jimmy Carter to issue a worldwide call to prayer with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. In 2000, Coe met with top economic officials of Pakistan as a “special envoy” of US Representative Joe Pitts. Coe met with President George H.W. Bush as he hosted a luncheon with Iraq’s ambassador to the United States in the mid-1980s. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met with Coe on many occasions as First Lady of the United States.

Speaking at the 1990 National Prayer Breakfast, President George H.W. Bush praised Coe for his “quiet diplomacy, I wouldn’t

say secret diplomacy."[923] Bush's conversion to Christianity came in 1985 when, after a squabble with his parents, his father George Bush Sr. arranged for Billy Graham to spend a few days with him. Bush emerged a changed man, quit drinking and began attending Bible study.[924] During his time as president, Bush read the Bible daily.[925] *GQ Magazine* reported that Donald Rumsfeld interspersed secret war memos intended for him with quotes from the Bible. As Anton Wessels observes, this was obviously because Bush entertained millenarian ideas about the coming of a thousand-year reign of peace.[926]

Faith-Based Initiatives

Another a protégé of Douglas Coe was George W. Bush's Special Assistant, David Kuo. According to Kuo, "The Fellowship's reach into governments around the world is almost impossible to overstate or even grasp."[927] Kuo served as second-in-command of Bush's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives (OFBCI). The initiative was an extension of ideas developed during the 1980s by CNP members Attorney General and Ed Meese and Gary Bauer, of the Campus Crusade and then Reagan's domestic policy adviser, who corresponded with Coe about creating a federal, faith-based response to poverty. OFBCI was one of the key domestic policies of Bush's campaign promise of "compassionate conservatism." The initiative sought to strengthen faith-based and community organizations and expand their capacity to provide federally-funded social services. According to Sharlet:

> But its implementation was in many senses the logical result of the Family's decades of ministry to Washington's elite combined with the increasingly established power of populist fundamentalism: a mix of sophisticated policy manoeuvres and the kind of sentimentalism that blinded many supporters to the fact that faith-based initiatives, no matter how well intended, are nothing less than "the privatization of welfare," as the faith-based theorist Marvin Olasky put it in a 1996 report commissioned by then-Governor Bush. [928]

Through administrative changes made by executive order, Bush transformed Clinton's 1996 welfare reforms. In the end, there were faith-based offices not just in the Department of Health and Human Services, but also in the Department of Justice, the Department of Education and the Department of Commerce. The Small Business Administration gained a faith-based office, as did USAID. Huge portions of the budgets of the departments and agencies in which they were housed could now be used for faith-based ends. According to Sharlet, "The real achievement of faith- based initiatives was not to launch flashy programs or even to buy votes for Republicans; it was to open the door for religious groups to the whole treasure house of federal social-services funding, tens of billions of dollars."[929]

In *Tempting Faith*, Kuo portrays the office as having been used almost exclusively to win political support with both evangelical Christians and traditionally Democratic minorities. According to Kuo, "National Christian leaders received hugs and smiles in person and then were dismissed behind their backs and described as 'ridiculous,' 'out of control,' and just plain 'goofy.'" Kuo alleges that Ken Mehlman, then-White House political affairs director, knowingly participated in a scheme to use the office to launch ostensibly "nonpartisan" events that were, in reality, designed with the intent of mobilizing religious voters. The outreach was so extensive and so powerful that Kuo attributes Bush's 2004 Ohio victory "at least partially… to the conferences we had launched two years before."[930]

Coe introduced Kuo to Billy Graham and CNP member Bill Bright. Bright, a good and long-time friend of Billy Graham,[931] was also a member of the Fellowship and founded Campus Crusade, one of the biggest evangelical groups in the world. Graham biographer William Martin called Bill Bright "one of the most important of a generation of Evangelical titans."[932] Bright has been a contributor to the Alliance Defense Fund, along with James Dobson of Focus on the Family and D. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries. In the late 1980s, Family Research Council officially became a division of Focus on the Family.

According to Jeff Sharlet, author of *The Family*, Colson combined "Bright's populist style with Coe's political sophistication."[933] Colson was a principal signer of the 1994 Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT) ecumenical document signed by leading Evangelical Protestants and Roman Catholic leaders in the United States. It was part of a larger ecumenical rapprochement in the United States that had begun in the 1970s with Catholic-Evangelical collaboration during the Gerald R. Ford Administration and in later para-church organizations such as Moral Majority.

The co-signers of the document were J.I. Packer, CNP member Pat Robertson, Bill Bright and Richard John Neuhaus. Neuhaus as a prominent Christian cleric (first as an Evangelical Lutheran pastor and later as a Roman Catholic priest) who served as an unofficial adviser to President George W. Bush on bioethical issues. He became a member of the growing neoconservative movement and an outspoken advocate of "democratic capitalism." He also advocated faith-based policy initiatives by the federal government based upon Judeo-Christian values. Bright was also a co-signatory of the Land letter of 2002 which outlined a just war rationale for the 2003 invasion of Iraq, providing a theological underpinning for the invasion being planned by President George W. Bush.

Council of Conservative Citizens

The ever-present Jesse Helms, a founder of the Council for National Policy, was also a member of the Council of Conservative Citizens (CCC), the successor organization to the KKK-affiliated White Citizens' Councils.[934] Its members include 33rd degree Scottish Rite Freemasons, Senator Strom Thurmond and Jesse Helms. Another CCC member was Republican politician Trent Lott of Mississippi, who is also 33rd degree Scottish Rite Freemason.[935] As majority leader, Lott had a major role in the Senate trial following the impeachment of President Bill Clinton. On December 20, 2002, after significant controversy following comments regarding Strom Thurmond's anti-desegregation presidential candidacy, Lott resigned as Senate Minority Leader.

The Southern Poverty Law Center and the Anti-Defamation League claim that many CCC members have ties to the Klan, the National Association for the Advancement of White People and other white supremacist organizations.[936] David Duke also spoke at CCC fund raising event, while Patrick Buchanan's campaign manager was linked to both Duke and the Council. In 1997, several members of the CCC attended an event hosted by Jean-Marie Le Pen's *Front National* (NF).[937]

The NF entered a period of ideological radicalization, catalyzed by the arrival in England of fugitive Italian fascists belonging to *Terza Positione* and the *Nuclei Armati Rivoluzionari*, who had been involved in the Bologna train station bombing of 1980, and who introduced them to the ideas of Julius Evola. Under these influences, the NF adopted the Third Position. The NF abandoned electoral politics, and extolled "popular rule" adapted from Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's *Green Book*, which was eulogized alongside Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran and Louis Farrakhan's black separatist Nation of Islam (NOI).[938] Through its support for Jesse Jackson during the 1984 presidential primary, the NF hailed Farrakhan as a "God-send to all races and colors."[939] Back in England, the NF distributed leaflets in support of the NOI and declared in its papers, "Black and White power are… allies."[940]

Willis Carto also praised Farrakhan, who in 1990 granted *Spotlight* an exclusive interview, in which he confirmed the white-supremacist position that the United States was "founded by white people for white people."[941] Two former Klansmen affiliated with Carto also reached out to Farrakhan, Tom Metzger, founder and leader of the White Aryan Resistance, and Louis Beam, a Klansman who became active with Aryan Nations in the early 1980s. Beam claims to have passed on information to the NOI about CIA cocaine trafficking operations leaked to him from sources in the intelligence community. Decorated Vietnam war veteran Gordon "Jack" Mohr, who was booted from the John Birch Society for his anti-Semitism, boasted of having passed on information to the NOI about Jewish involvement in the slave trade.[942]

Also connected is Don Black, a former Klan member who founded the white supremacist and neo-Nazi website *Stormfront*.[943] Black created *Stormfront.com*, which started as an online bulletin board system in the early 1990s, before being established as a website in 1995 which popularizes the ideas of Esoteric Hitlerism. Black was a member of the American Nazi Party in the 1970s, when it was headed by Matt Koehl who, drawing on the teachings of Savitri Devi, began to suggest that National Socialism was more akin to a religious movement than a political one. Black was convicted in 1981 for attempted armed overthrow of the government of the Dominican Republic, in violation of the US Neutrality Act. He was sentenced to three years in prison, during which time he learned computer programming, which led him to establish Stormfront. In a 2001 *USA Today* article, journalist Tara McKelvey called Stormfront "the most visited white supremacist site on the net."[944] By June 2008, the site was attracting more than 40,000 unique users each day.[945]

Stormfront featured the writings of William Luther Pierce and David Duke, as well as works by Carto's Institute for Historical Review (IHR). Duke was once a member of American Nazi Party splinter group, and former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan in the mid-1970s. According to the *Deguello Report*, Duke first met NSRP member James Warner in Hollywood in 1974, after which the two became homosexual lovers. At the time, Warner became closely associated with William Morrison, owner of Angriff Press, who had an extensive police record as a child molester and homosexual. Warner and Morrison teamed up with a homosexual ex-Nazi from Ohio to form a new organization known as the "Gay Nazis," which published a magazine called *National Socialist Mobilizer*.

In the late 1960s, Duke met William Luther Pierce, the former editor of Colin Jordan's *National Socialist World*, the official journal of World Union of National Socialists (WUNS). As National Chairman for the National Youth Alliance, Carto was successful in recruiting Pierce. After George Lincoln Rockwell's death, Pierce reorganized it into the American neo-Nazi group, the National Alliance in 1974. Pierce was helped by Revilo P. Oliver, one of the founding members of the John Birch Society, who broke with the group for what he

called “the Birch hoax,” claiming according to Eustace Mullins that the JBS was founded by David Rockefeller.[946]

The “Race Information Library” on Duke’s website is composed substantially of articles by grantees of the Pioneer Fund, many of them from the *Mankind Quarterly*. In 1980, Duke left the Klan and formed the National Association for the Advancement of White People, which advertised a distributed *The Protocols*, and Francis Parker Yockey’s *Imperium*, along with IAAEE publications and the *Occidental Quarterly*.[947] Duke was also featured in Willis Carto’s *Spotlight*, the official publication of the Liberty Lobby. According to Martin A. Lee in *The Beast Reawakens*:

> Under [Carto’s] command, the Liberty Lobby grew into the largest and best-organized anti-Semitic group in the United States. Functioning as the white racialist movement’s leading umbrella organization, it developed close ties to the U.S. militia movement and forged extensive links with right-wing extremists around the world.[948]

Carto also helped found the Populist Party that served as an electoral vehicle for neo-Nazi and Ku Klux Klan members such as Duke in 1988, and Christian Identity supporter Bo Gritz. The 1992 movie character of Rambo was modeled Gritz. Gritz was supporter of the Christian Identity movement, which is closely linked to the Christian Patriot Movement. During that period, Carto recruited and mentored several Klansmen, including Louis Beam and Tom Metzger. Tom Metzger, founder and leader of the White Aryan Resistance, founded in 1983, was also an active leader in the John Birch Society in the Fallbrook, California area.[949] For several years, Duke sold books through a mail-order catalog that offered neo-Nazi classics, such as *Imperium* by Francis Parker Yockey.

As detailed by Russ Bellant in *The Coors Connection*, Helms’ political operative Tom Ellis formed the Leadership Coalition for Freedom Through Truth in 1987 with funding from the Pioneer Fund. Its board included Richard Schoff, a North Carolina businessman, who was a generous funder of the KKK. In the early 1970s, he was the Grand Kilgrapp of the Indiana KKK. Indianapolis police told a

reporter that KKK cross burnings were held on Schoff's property during Klan rallies hosted by Schoff.[950] Ellis was a member of The Conservative Caucus (TCC), which according to Bellant, "is among the most radical of reactionary groups in the US." The TCC was funded by Coors and headed by Joseph Phillips. The Caucus created the created the Citizens Cabinet Organization Committee, which included Heritage president Frank Walton, Paul Weyrich, Richard Viguerie and a number of leading members of the John Birch Society, including its president Larry McDonald.[951] The TCC also shared members with the Singlaub's United Council for World Freedom, the American branch of the WACL, financially supported by Joseph Coors. USCWF and the Nicaraguan Refugee Fund, another Coor's cause, helped fund the Nicaraguan contras.[952]

Council for National Policy

The idea behind the creation of the CNP was to build a Christian conservative alternative to the Council on Foreign Relations, which LaHaye considered too liberal. As reported in *Rolling Stone* in an article titled "Reverend Doomsday," "According to LaHaye, civilization is threatened by a worldwide conspiracy of secret societies and liberal groups intent on destroying "every vestige of Christianity." The ultimate goal is to "turn America into an amoral, humanist country, ripe for merger into a one-world socialist state."[953] The founders of the CNP stated that they "were seeking to create a Christian conservative alternative to what they believed was the liberalism of the Council on Foreign Relations."[954] As Bellant explained, "The view on the Radical Right that an organization such as the CNP was needed stemmed from their perception that the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)—closely identified with the Rockefeller family—was selling out American interests in the pursuit of a… left-wing foreign policy agenda."[955] However, researchers revealed that the early leadership of the CNP was, on the contrary, also represented by the CFR.[956]

The CNP represented a gathering of ASC, Christian Right leaders, Iran-Contra veterans and John Birch Society members.

Members of the CNP have also included Western Goals founder J. Peter Grace, and key figures from the Christian Right like *Christian Voice* founder Robert G. Grant, Terry Dolan, Richard Viguerie, Howard Phillips, Rev. Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Jesse Helms, Thomas Ellis, Phyllis Schlafly, as well as Senator Trent Lott, former United States Attorneys General Ed Meese and John Ashcroft, Roy Cohn's law partner Thomas A. Bolan, Pat Boone, Joseph and Jeffrey Coors, John Birch Society chairman Larry McDonald, John Singlaub and Oliver North. During the mid-1980s, Hunt contributed almost half a million US dollars to the National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty (NEPL), a conservative fundraising organization later heavily implicated in the Iran-Contra affair.[957] Hunt was past Chairman of the Board of the Bible Society of Texas and the past Chairman of, and significant contributor to Campus Crusade for Christ International's "Here's Life" Campaign in the late 1970s, as well as providing a $3.5 million loan guarantee for the 1979 Campus Crusade film *Jesus*.

Likewise, the CNP also has had membership links to the World Anti-Communist League (WACL), whose core activity involved providing financial and material aid to right-wing organizations and anti-communist militias around the globe like Nicaraguan guerrillas in the Iran-Contra affair.[958] The ever-present Jesse Helms, a founder of the Council for National Policy, became a focal point for US intelligence and Republican connections to CAL, the WCAL's branch in Latin America, following a visit in 1975 to WACL headquarters in Taiwan. Helms' aide Ramon Molina, a Cuban-American Bay of Pigs veteran, was the apparent point of contact who in 1976 between Helms and his other employer, Nicaraguan dictator Somoza.[959] Helms, who was often critical of Nixon and Kissinger's policy of detente towards the China and the Soviet Union, directly blamed Kissinger at the 1975 WACL conference for weakening the US' defense system with the SALT-1 negotiations.[960]

In 1978, ASC-connected Roger Pearson, whose writing was funded by the Pioneer Fund, became the World Chairman of the WACL. Pearson was criticized for the presence in the organization of neo-Nazis, war criminals, and people linked to death squads and assassinations.[961] According to William H. Tucker, he "used this

opportunity to fill the WACL with European Nazis—ex-officials of the Third Reich and Nazi collaborators from other countries during the war as well as new adherents to the cause—in what one journalist called 'one of the greatest fascist blocs in postwar Europe.'"[962] In that same year, Pearson hosted the 11th annual conference of the WCAL, which included representatives of the MSI, the Liberty Lobby and the *Nouvelle Ecole*.[963]

The Washington Post published a critical attack on both WACL and Pearson's extreme right-wing politics, after which he was asked to resign from the editorial board of the *Policy Review*. But his connection with other organizations continued, and in 1986 *CovertAction Quarterly* uncovered his association with James Jesus Angleton, former chief of CIA Counter-Intelligence, General Daniel O. Graham, former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, General Robert C. Richardson, and other American Security Council members.[964] In a 1982 letter, Reagan personally thanked Pearson, stating, "You are performing a valuable service in bringing to a wide audience the work of leading scholars who are supportive of a free enterprise economy, a firm and consistent foreign policy and a strong national defense."[965]

After the Russian invasion of Afghanistan, the Muslim World Congress (WMC), which maintained ties to the WACL, began working closely with US intelligence and Pakistani official in covertly supporting the Mujahideen.[966] The WMC was originally founded by Al Husseini, "Hitler's Mufti."[967] At the time the WMC was headed by Pakistani Dr. Inamullah Khan. In 1949 and 1951, Muslim Brotherhood leader Said Ramadan traveled to Pakistan to take part in the meetings of the WMC. In Pakistan, Ramadan worked closely with a young Maududi. Ramadan helped Maududi develop opposition the country's opposition to the left. Khan also served as an advisor to the Saudi Arabian royal family, who funded the WMC abundantly. Khan explained he participated in WACL conferences because "as a religious person, I am opposed to all atheistic creeds."[968]

Unification Church

The CNP also has membership links to the Committee for the neoconservative and Le Cercle-connected Committee for a Free World (CFW)—a CIA front conceived at the Jerusalem Conference in 1979 and funded by Richard Mellon Scaife—which included, among others, some members of the Unification Church of the United States, some Republican Party leaders, and counter-revolutionaries in Latin America, particularly during the 1980s. Those endorsing the work of CFW include a wide spectrum of the right wing and neoconservatives, including Richard V. Allen, Edwin J. Feulner, Ray Cline, Arnaud de Borchgrave, Eugene Wigner, Michael Ledeen, Norman Podhoretz, Richard Perle, Elliott Abrams and Lewis Tambs. Tambs was a member of the WACL and served as ambassador to Costa Rica until 1986. Allen went on to become National Security Adviser to President Reagan. Abrams was deeply implicated in all aspects of the Iran-Contra Affair. He first served in the Reagan administration. Wigner, a physicist by profession, who was on the board of the Committee on the Present Danger, received a $200,000 “Founders Award” from the Reverend Moon.[969]

Numerous groups participated, including Rev. Sun Myung Moon’s Unification Church, who have given millions of dollars to the CNP.[970] Moon has also been criticized for his relationships with political and religious figures, including Presidents of the United States Richard Nixon, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, North Korean President Kim Il Sung, and Louis Farrakhan the leader of the Nation of Islam. Moon’s belief in a literal Kingdom of God on earth to be brought about by human effort was a motivation for his establishment of groups that are not strictly religious in their purposes.[971]

In 1977, Richard Viguerie, who was also a member of the George Town Club with Robert Keith Gray, had been involved in Koreagate with Tong Sun Park, and worked on a project to raise money for Moon’s Children’s Relief Fund, which reportedly only received 6.3% of the $1,508,256 raised. $920,000 went to Viguerie according to New York State charity auditors.[972] Viguerie also joined the board of the Moon-affiliated American Freedom Coalition (AFC), which had been formed from former members of Christian Voice.[973] The co-chairmen were experienced former congressmen,

Democrat Richard Ichord and Republican Robert Wilson, a senior member of the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. On 27th January, 1980, when Frank Nugan was found shot dead in his Mercedes Benz, a Bible was found with a piece of paper that included the names “Bob Wilson” and “Bill Colby.”

Moon had moved to America in 1972 and his right-wing views soon brought entry to Republican circles. Moon was received at huge rallies, met Richard Nixon and, during the Watergate scandal, fasted on the Capitol steps for three days while praying for God not to let Nixon be impeached.[974] However, Moon’s business practices soon aroused suspicions and in 1978, after the Koreagate, the congressional subcommittee on international organisations the described the Moon organization as “a multinational corporation … a paramilitary organisation … and a tightly disciplined international political party.” It added: “Among [its] goals is establishment of a worldwide government in which the separation of church and state would be abolished, and which would be governed by Moon and his followers.” [975]

The committee’s recommendation of further investigation of illegalities was dropped when Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980. Under Reagan, Moon’s political influence increased dramatically. Vice President George Bush, former CIA director, invited Moon as his guest to the Reagan inauguration. At this time Moon was backed by two Japanese tycoons that the US occupation had formerly imprisoned as war criminals, Yoshio Kodama and Ryoichi Sasakawa, founder of the WACL.[976] During the 1980s, Moon expanded his financial empire to include a car plant in China; a titanium mine, weapons factory, and Tong Il Heavy Industries in South Korea; property in South America; a hotel in New York; a fishery in Alaska; a golf course in California; a computer firm in Japan; a small arms company and a university in New England; newspapers in Korea, Argentina and Japan, and the conservative *Washington Times*, which he founded in 1982; a symphony orchestra and ballet company; a cable TV network; the UPI press agency; a New York publishing house; *Insight* magazine; and numerous restaurants and jewellery businesses. His home was a 30-room mansion in New Jersey.[977]

Terry Dolan, who was a member of the Policy Board of Governors of the CNP, was a member of the advisory board for CAUSA International, the educational, anti-communist organization founded by Moon.[978] Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, senior member of Crozier's 6I and Team B member General Daniel O. Graham—who was on the board of governors of the CNP—provided Le Cercle access to the Moonies' CAUSA and their American geostrategic propaganda outlet, the US Global Strategy Council (USGSC), the two serving on the board under the chairmanship of Shackley team-member Ray S. Cline. USGSC is an independent think tank, incorporated in 1981. It focuses on long-range strategic issues. The founding members were, among others, Henry Luce and his wife Clare Boothe Luce, and Le Cercle's General Richard Stilwell. USGSC also has ties to the Unification Church (the Moonies) and CAUSA through Woellner and Arnaud de Borchgrave, the editor of the *Washington Times*, a newspaper owned by the Moonies.[979]

Conservatives Against Liberal Legislation, renamed Conservative Alliance (CALL), organized by Dolan's NCPAC, was also in the Coalition for Peace Through Strength (CPTS). CALL has received major funding through groups affiliated with Rev. Moon, according to the *Wall Street Journal* and other reports. CALL started the National Coalition for America's Survival, which includes the newly-created America First Committee, a Chicago-based racist and anti-Semitic organization headed by Art Jones, who functioned as the ideological leader of Chicago-area Nazi groups. Jones participated in a Klan-Nazi unity meeting sponsored by Aryan Nations in October of 1985.[980]

The president of AFC is a minister, Christian Voice founder and CNP member Dr. Robert Grant, and the vice president was Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, a close associate of Martin Luther King Jr. and co-founder of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who served on two Unification Church boards of directors. The AFC quickly developed into one of the larger grass-roots political groups in America, boasting a list of over 300,000 supporters. The AFC also produced an hour-long video documentary, *Ollie North: Fight for Freedom*, which it broadcast over 600 times on more than 100 TV stations.[981] Grant published the AFC's journal, American Freedom

Journal started in 1988, whose contributors included Pat Buchanan, Ed Meese, Ben Wattenberg and Jeane Kirkpatrick.

In 1982, when Moon was convicted in the United States of filing false federal income tax returns and conspiracy, and sentenced to 18 months in federal prison, Falwell and other leading clergy signed petitions protesting the government's case.[982] The American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A, the National Council of Churches, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, filed briefs in support of Moon.[983] The Unification Church later courted the mainstream clergy heavily, spending $30 million, according to *Time* magazine, on a campaign for religious respectability. [984] In the 1990s, the Unification Church hired Abernathy as a spokesperson to protest the news media's use of the term "Moonies," which they compared with the word "nigger." In 1991, Regnery published a defense of the Moonies titled *Inquisition: The Persecution and Prosecution of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon*.

After Moon's release from prison after serving 13 months, he met or received support from the British prime ministers Margaret Thatcher and Edward Heath, ex-presidents Gerald Ford and George Bush Sr., Canadian ex-premier Brian Mulroney, US senators Strom Thurmond, Jesse Helms, William Fulbright and Orrin Hatch, Reagan's defence secretary Caspar Weinberger, the former NATO chief general Alexander Haig, former US education secretary William Bennett, Boston University president John Silber, Christian Coalition ex-chief Ralph Reed, and Jerry Falwell.[985]

Ralph Reed, the first executive director of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, was among other notable speakers for Moon's organizations and affairs which have included, Tim LaHaye's wife Beverly, and Robert Schuller, well known for his Crystal Cathedral in Southern California and *Hour of Power* television ministry. In the 1980s, Tim LaHaye was criticized by the evangelical community for accepting money for his American Coalition for Traditional Values from Bo Hi Pak, a longtime Sun Myung Moon operative.[986] LaHaye was also criticized for his role as Chairman Moon's Council for Religious Freedom, which was founded to protest Moon's 1984 imprisonment. Falwell, Jimmy Swaggart, James Robison, James

Kennedy and Rex Humbard, have all served as executive committee members. Falwell readily admits that he accepted 2.5 million dollars from Moon in 1994 in order to bail out his Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.[987]

Western Goals Foundation

The Tower Commission revealed that also part of the Iran-Contra funding network was the Western Goals Foundation, founded by J. Peter Grace in 1979 and John Singlaub, and sponsored by Henry Regnery and Nelson Bunker Hunt, son of H.L Hunt and member of the Council of the John Birch Society.[988] Another major funder of Western Goals was Roger Milliken, of the Board of Directors of W.R. Grace Co. Deering-Milliken and Deering-Milliken Research Corporations also funded Western Goals.[989] Milliken was a member of John Birch Society and also a member of the National Voter Advisory Board of the ASC.[990] Milliken also bankrolled the *National Review* and Heritage Foundation, and along with Ronald Reagan, and Pat Buchanan, was also a financial patron of "I AM" member Robert Lefevre's Freedom School, which was also attended by Discordians Kerry Thornley and Robert Anton Wilson.[991] The The Conservative Caucus (TCC), also received funding from Roger Milliken's Milliken & Company.[992]

Singlaub was assisted in the founding of Western Goals by JBS members, John Rees and Congressman and fellow ASC founder Larry McDonald. After McDonald's death in 1983, Roy Cohn temporarily assumed the leadership of the organization.[993] Rees ran a network of private informants on college campuses in the United States, that Political Research Associates referred to as often having better placed infiltrators among campus groups than the FBI's own agents.[994] The network would pass information along to Rees, who would in turn forward it to the director of intelligence at FBI headquarters. From there it would be forwarded to field offices. These activities were part of a network of private right-wing groups that the FBI used to gather intelligence on government critics and

people opposed to the Reagan Administration's foreign policy stance in Central America.[995]

Rees' lover was Grace Metalious, an American author known for her controversial novel *Peyton Place*, one of the best-selling works in publishing history. The novel describes how three women are forced to come to terms with their identity, in a small, conservative, gossipy New England town, in a tale that includes incest, abortion, adultery, lust and murder. It sold 60,000 copies within the first ten days of its release and remained on the *New York Times* best seller list for 59 weeks.

Like the Safari Club, Western Goals was set up to side-step restrictions imposed after the Watergate and COINTELPRO revelations. In *Roads to Dominion: Right-Wing Movements and Political Power in the United States*, sociologist Sara Diamond noted that to reduce the cost of producing and distributing anti-Communist materials, corporations turned to non-profit organizations such as the JBS.[996] Western Goals acquired a reputation of acting as a "clearinghouse" for some police departments whose intelligence-collecting functions were restricted by laws such as the Freedom of Information Act.[997] According to *The Spokesman-Review*, it was intended to "blunt subversion, terrorism, and communism" by filling the gap "created by the disbanding of the House Un-American Activities Committee and what [McDonald] considered to be the crippling of the FBI during the 1970s."[998] According to reporters Jon Lee Anderson and Scott Anderson, groups like Western Goals allow "the ultra-right [to keep] tabs on its 'subversive' domestic opposition…"[999]

McDonald was killed while a passenger on board Korean Air Lines Flight 007 when it was shot down by Soviet interceptors. It was mistaken for the Soviets as a U.S. spy plane after it flew off course and through Soviet prohibited airspace around the time of a U.S. aerial reconnaissance mission. The incident was one of the tensest moments of the Cold War and resulted in an escalation of anti-Soviet sentiment, particularly in the United States. The Politburo of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union said it was a deliberate provocation by the United States to test the Soviet Union's military preparedness, or even to provoke a war. The White House accused

the Soviet Union of obstructing search and rescue operations.[1000] The Soviets contended former U.S. president Richard Nixon was to have been seated next to McDonald but that the CIA warned him not to go, according to the *New York Post* and *Telegraph Agency of the Soviet Union* (TASS). It was denied by Nixon.[1001]

The WACL also had ties to the Western Goals Institute (WGI), a conservative pressure group in Britain, which was founded in 1985 as an offshoot of the US Western Goals Foundation. Its stated intent was anti-communism, although the group was also known for its opposition to non-white immigration into Europe and Britain. In line with the 'Reagan doctrine' policies of its American patrons, Western Goals UK had established links with militant, and often violent, anti-Communist groups internationally. These include the Angolan UNITA movement (in October 1988 Western Goals facilitated the visit to London of UNITA's leader, Jonas Savimbi) and the Salvadoran Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA) party, whose leader, Roberto D'Aubuisson, became one of the group's international patrons.[1002] It was also claimed that WGI may have been used by its US partners as a conduit for funds to the Nicaraguan.[1003]

Following the end of the Cold War, WGI lost its original anti-Communist focus, but continued to forge links with other far-right and nationalist political parties. WGI supported the continuance of European-dominated government in South Africa, and formed close links with the Conservative Party of South Africa which some years previously broke away from the National Party of South Africa after P.W. Botha instituted limited reforms to apartheid and which the institute saw as fighting communism in the form of the African National Congress.

Le Pen's Front National also maintained ties with the Western Goals Institute (WGI), who gave the party their open support. On October 12, 1989, the WGI hosted a controversial fringe meeting at the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool, at which Pierre Ceyrac, a Front National Member of the European Parliament, was the Guest Speaker. The invitation to 31-year-old Italian parliamentary deputy, Alessandra Mussolini, Benito Mussolini's grand-daughter and niece of actress Sophia Loren, was said to have "caused outrage," and led to calls for a ban on her entering the country.[1004]

Jewish Defense League

Singlaub and Rees also had ties to Joseph Churba who founded the Jewish Defense League (JDL) in 1968, with Meir Kahane, an ordained Orthodox rabbi, and later a member of the Israeli Knesset, to "protect Jews from antisemitism by whatever means necessary." In *The False Prophet: Rabbi Meir Kahane: From FBI Informant to Knesset Member*, Robert Friedman exposed links between Kahane, ultra-rightist founder of the Jewish Defense League, to the CIA, the FBI, the Mossad and the Mafia. According to Friedman, "high-ranking members of Mossad" were directing Kahane, and that the "central player" was former Mossad operations chief, Yitzhak Shamir. [1005]

At some time in the late 1950s, Kahane took on the pseudonym Michael King to impersonate a Gentile. His strong anti-communist views landed him a position as a consultant with the FBI. In 1963, the FBI asked Kahane and Churba to infiltrate the John Birch Society.[1006] He and Joseph Churba created the July Fourth Movement, which was formed to counteract widespread opposition towards U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. Subsequently, they co-authored the text, *The Jewish Stake in Vietnam*, which was an attempt to convince American Jews of the "evil of Communism." The book's introduction states that, "all Americans have a stake in this grim war against Communism… it is vital that Jews realize the threat to their very survival [should Communism succeed]."

By 1976, Churba was the Air Force's top Middle East intelligence expert when he publicly criticized comments by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. George S. Brown, about Israel's being a military burden for the United States.[1007] In 1980, Churba worked as a campaign advisor for presidential candidate Ronald Reagan. Kahane and Churba was also friends with neoconservative Douglas Feith, served as the under secretary of Defense for Policy for United States president George W. Bush.[1008]

Churba became head of the International Security Council (ISC), established in 1985 by CAUSA International of Moon. ISC was a think-tank of former statesmen and senior military officers who dealt with international security issues.[1009] The predecessor

organization to ISC, the Center for International Security (CIS), was organized by Churba in 1979. Its board included Major General George Keegan, Jr., William Kintner, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, the ASC's General Daniel O. Graham, and Bernard Yoh, cofounder of Accuracy in Media and former counterinsurgency consultant to South Vietnam president Ngo Dinh Diem and other terrorist governments in the sphere of American influence. [1010]

A major conference on state terrorism and the international system was held by the ISC and CAUSA International in January 1986 in Tel Aviv, with speeches by Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Arnaud de Borchgrave, Charles Lichenstein, Gordon Sumner, Jr., and Yehuda Blum, former Israeli ambassador to the UN. In a brochure issued by ISC in October 1987, Churba acknowledges the "generous and unwavering support of CAUSA International and that of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, whose understanding of the threat to Judaeo-Christian civilization is unique, as is his selfless commitment to freedom, security and peace."[1011] These organizations and others coalesced under the Federation for World Peace (FWP), founded by Rev. Moon in 1991 after the passing of the cold war.[1012]

As reported by Edward S. Herman, in *The "Terrorism" Industry*, Churba was connected to other elements of the far-right through his service as advisor to GeoMilitech Consultants Corporation, along with John Singlaub and Edward Luttwak of CSIS. GeoMilitech was founded in 1984 by Barbara Studley, a friend of Singlaub's, apparently as an arms conduit. The firm supplied arms to the Salvadoran government as well as the Nicaraguan Contras. Singlaub used GeoMilitech to procure $5.3 million in weapons, which were transferred to Adolfo Calero in June 1985.[1013]

In 2011, the FBI released files on the 1996 murder of rapper Tupac Shakur, which state that the star had received death threats from the JDL. The report described how the JDL would make the death threats, and then call the rap star and offer protection for a fee. According to the documents, Shakur was a victim of this scheme, as was another late rapper, Eazy-E of N.W.A. and founder of Ruthless Records with Jerry Heller.[1014] Heller claimed the death threats came from Neo-Nazi-Skinheads because of the "Fuck Tha Police" song. When Ruthless recording artist and former N.W.A member Dr.

Dre sought to work instead with Death Row Records, Ruthless executives Mike Klein and Jerry Heller were fearful of possible physical intimidation from Death Row Entertainment executives including chief executive officer Suge Knight and requested security assistance from the violent JDL. Eazy-E apparently admired the JDL for their slogan “Never Again,” and had plans to do a movie about the group.[1015] JDL spokesperson Irv Rubin issued a press release stating, “There was nothing but a close, tight relationship” between Eazy-E and the League.[1016]

Christian Broadcasting Network

Pat Robertson, a religious broadcaster and political commentator, has been on the Board of Governors of the CNP, and was its president in 1987. In 1988, following a well-funded but failed bid for the U.S. presidency, Robertson used the remainder of his campaign resources to jump-start the creation of a voter mobilization effort dubbed the Christian Coalition. The Coalition faced an ongoing IRS investigation of its provisional non-profit tax status and a lawsuit by the Federal Election Commission alleging illegal campaign contributions to Republicans George Bush, Jesse Helms, Oliver North and Newt Gingrich, among others.[1017]

Robertson is a best-selling author and the host of *The 700 Club,* a Christian News and TV program broadcast live weekdays on Freeform (formerly ABC Family) via satellite from CBN studios, as well as on channels throughout the United States, and on Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) affiliates worldwide. The Coors Foundation was an early supporter of CBN. Robertson was on the board of directors of the National Religious Broadcasters along with Bill Bright of the Campus Crusade for Christ, Jerry Falwell, Billy Graham, Jim Bakker, Tim LaHaye, and Jimmy Swaggart. Texas millionaire Bunker Hunt, LaHaye’s wife Beverly, Oral Roberts, and Swaggart supported Robertson’s failed run for the presidency in 1988.

Richard Mellon Scaife promoted *Clinton Chronicles*, a 1994 film that helped perpetuate a conspiracy theory known as the “Clinton Body Count” about a list of associates Clinton was purported to have

had killed, was distributed with help from Falwell, who also appears in the film, and also promoted by Robertson through his Christian Coalition. The film was produced by Citizens for Honest Government, and partially funded by Larry Nichols, a long-time Clinton opponent, who has boasted of being an operative of the CIA. In 1990, Nichols filed a lawsuit against Clinton alleging that he'd been wrongly fired from his state job, when it was discovered that in 1988, as marketing director for the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA), reported he placed 642 long-distance calls at state expense on behalf of the Contras in Nicaragua, either to Nicaragua or to U.S. politicians backing them.[1018] Nichols, along with "Justice Jim" Johnson, a racist Arkansas politician whose 1966 candidacy for governor was endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan, is the narrator of the film, as well as the another, *The Mena Connection*. Throughout Clinton's presidency, Nichols was a frequent guest on conservative talk radio and promulgated various conspiracy theories about Clinton, including tales about Iran-Contra drug-trafficking at the Mena Airport. The *New York Times* characterized Nichols as one of the "Clinton crazies."[1019]

Patriot conspiracy theories were successfully introduced to a wide audience in Pat Robertson's 1991 book *The New World Order*, which interpreted an Illuminati conspiracy in light of End Times prophecy. Robertson, who links Freemasonry to a "mystery religion designed to replace the old Christian world order of Europe and America," describes a scenario where Wall Street, the Federal Reserve System, the CFR, the Bilderberg Group and the Trilateral Commission control world events from behind the scenes, manipulating people in the direction of world government ruled by the Antichrist. In 1995, in *The New York Review of Books*, Michael Lind and Jacob Heilbrunn traced the sources of Robertson's allegations to right-wing author Nesta Webster's *World Revolution* and *Secret Societies and Subversive Movements*, and Eustace Mullins's *Secrets of the Federal Reserve*. Robertson also cited William T. Still's *New World Order: The Ancient Plan of Secret Societies*, which attacked the Freemasons as part of a conspiracy "to bring all nations under one-world government" was actually "the biblical rule of the Antichrist."[1020]

Greg Grandin noted in *The Nation*, that Falwell's Moral Majority and Robertson's Freedom Council were part of the funding apparatus of the Iran-Contra operation. According to Grandin, "In order to bypass public and congressional opposition, the White House outsourced the 'hearts and minds' component of its Central American wars to evangelicals."[1021] Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum sent down "Freedom Fighter Friendship Kits" to the Contras, which included toothpaste, insect repellent and Bibles. Gospel Crusades Inc., Friends of the Americas, Pat Robertson's Operation Blessing, World Vision, the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and World Medical Relief likewise shipped hundreds of tons of humanitarian aid to the Contras and refugee camps in Honduras.

Christian Zionism

According to Allan C. Brownfield, "It is because of their yearning for the end of the world that many American fundamentalist leaders such as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson have embraced the most extreme Israeli positions regarding the Holy Land and have opposed efforts at achieving a compromise peace settlement between Israelis and Palestinians."[1022] In 1980, Falwell was presented the Jabotinsky medal by Israeli Prime-Minister Menachem Begin, named after Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the founder of Revisionist Zionism. Falwell is the only Gentile ever to receive the medal. Dr. William Gordon, a Presbyterian minister and professor and co-author of *Jerry Falwell: An Unauthorized Profile*, states that, "The only difference between his and Jabotinsky's philosophy is that Falwell talks of Christ… After pinning the Jabotinsky medal on him, the Israelis utilized Falwell for their purposes to an even greater degree."[1023]

The government of Israel has given official encouragement to Christian Zionism, allowing the establishment in 1980 of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, based in Jerusalem, whose main function is to enlist worldwide Protestant support for Israel and its government. The embassy has raised funds to help finance Jewish immigration to Israel from the former Soviet Union, and has assisted Zionist groups in establishing Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Popular interest in Christian Zionism was given a boost around the year 2000 in the form of the *Left Behind* series of novels by Tim LaHaye, and Jerry B. Jenkins. LaHaye played a significant role in getting the Religious Right to support George W. Bush for the presidency in 2000.[1024] The novels are built around the prophetic role of Israel in the apocalyptic End Times.[1025] Falwell said about the first book in the series: "In terms of its impact on Christianity, it's probably greater than that of any other book in modern times, outside the Bible."[1026] The *Left Behind* series sold 80 million copies, topping the best-selling lists of *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Publishers Weekly*, and Christian Booksellers Association. The series has been adapted into four films to date. The original series of three films are *Left Behind: The Movie* (2000), *Left Behind II: Tribulation Force* (2002), and *Left Behind: World at War* (2005) starring Kirk Cameron, best known for his role as Mike Seaver on the popular 1980s ABC sitcom *Growing Pains*. A reboot starring Nicolas Cage, entitled simply *Left Behind*, was released in 2014.

Based on dispensationalist interpretation of prophecies in the Biblical books of Revelation, Daniel, Isaiah and Ezekiel, *Left Behind* tells the story of the end times set in the current era. True believers in Christ have been "raptured" (taken instantly to heaven), leaving the world in a state of chaos. As people struggle for solutions, a relatively unknown Romanian politician named Nicolae Jetty Carpathia rises to become secretary-general of the United Nations, promising to restore peace and stability in the world. However, Carpathia is actually the Antichrist. Coming to grips with the truth and becoming born-again Christians, airline pilot Rayford Steele, his daughter Chloe, their pastor Bruce Barnes, and young journalist Cameron "Buck" Williams (played by Kirk Cameron) begin their quest as the Tribulation Force to help save the lost and prepare for the coming Tribulation, in which God will rain down judgment on the world for seven years.

Robertson's CBN has been active in Israel, frequently promoting the program of the fundamentalist International Christian Embassy Jerusalem. Robertson operates the most powerful television transmitter in the Middle East, MET, located in Southern Lebanon,

and has had close contact with government leaders in Israel.[1027] When Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu visited Washington in January 1998 to meet with President Clinton, he first met in Washington with Falwell and other evangelical Christian leaders. The *Washington Post* reported that Netanyahu received "a rapturous reception" by Voices United for Israel, a group of conservative Jews and Christians opposed for now to any further territorial concessions by Israel to the Palestinians, Operating under the leadership of John Hagee. Chanting "Not One Inch!" the crowd of more than 500 gave Netanyahu a standing ovation, as he was greeted by Falwell.[1028]

Hagee believes the Bible commands Christians to support the State of Israel and the Jewish people. In a late 1990s sermon that God sent Hitler to help the Jews get to the promised land.[1029] He wrote *Jerusalem Countdown: A Warning to the World*, based on the 1970's bestseller *The Late, Great Planet Earth*, based on dispensationalist eschatology. Hagee interprets the Bible to predict that Russia and the Islamic states will invade Israel and will be destroyed by God. This will cause the antichrist, the head of the European Union, to create a confrontation over Israel between China and the West. AIPAC has repeatedly hosted speeches by Hagee. The San Antonio B'nai B'rith Council awarded him with its "Humanitarian of the Year" award, the first time the award was given to a non-Jew.[1030] He was presented with the Zionist Organization of America's Israel Award by UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, given by the Jewish Community of Dallas, Texas.[1031]

Blackwater

Seymour Hersh, the *New Yorker*'s celebrated journalist, alleged in a speech in Qatar in 2011 at the Doha campus of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, that key branches of the US military are being led by Christian fundamentalist "crusaders."[1032] "What I'm really talking about is how eight or nine neoconservative, radicals if you will, overthrew the American government. Took it over," Hersh said. He explained that the attitude that "pervades" a large portion of the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), which is part of the military's special forces branch and which has

carried out secret missions, is one that supports "[changing] mosques into cathedrals."[1033] Hersh also said that Stanley McChrystal, who headed JSOC before his tenure as the top general in Afghanistan, as well as his successor and many other JSOC members, "are all members of, or at least supporters of, Knights of Malta." "Many of them are members of Opus Dei," Hersh said. "They do see what they're doing… it's a crusade, literally. They see themselves as the protectors of the Christians. They're protecting them from the Muslims [as in] the 13th century. And this is their function." [1034]

According to journalist Jeremy Scahill's book *Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army*, Joseph Schmitz, a former executive at the founded the notorious private security firm, boasted of his membership in the Knights of Malta in his official biography. In 2002, President George W. Bush nominated Schmitz to oversee and police the Pentagon's military contracts as the Defense Department's inspector general. Schmitz presided over the largest increase of military-contracting spending in history.[1035] 1997, Erik Prince, a former Navy SEAL officer and CNP member, founded Blackwater USA, which was contracted by the CIA for covert operations. As a young man, Prince was an intern in the White House under George H.W. Bush, also a member of the Knights of Malta.[1036] Prince's late father, auto-parts magnate Edgar Prince, was instrumental in the creation of the Family Research Council, one of the right-wing Christian groups most influential in George W. Bush's administration. Erik's sister is Betsy DeVos, who married Dick DeVos, the former CEO of the multi-level marketing company Amway, co-founded by his father Richard DeVos, a past president of the CNP.[1037]

Blackwater started out as a private security firm providing training support to law enforcement, the justice department, and military organizations and received their first contract from the United States government in 2000 after the bombing of the USS Cole. Scahill has claimed that Blackwater Security Company (BSC) was the brainchild of Jamie Smith, a former CIA officer who became Vice President of Blackwater USA.[1038] BSC's first assignment was to provide top secret clearance to protect the CIA headquarters and

another base that was responsible for hunting Osama bin Laden. In July 2004, Blackwater was hired by the US State Department, along with DynCorp International and Triple Canopy, Inc. for protective services in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, and Israel.

Prince has used his wealth acquired through Blackwater to fund numerous Christian and right-wing organizations, including the Evangelicals and Catholics Together (ECT) and the CNP.[1039] Prince is a close friend and benefactor to Chuck Colson and Gary Bauer, who Prince worked alongside since his youth, as Bauer was a close friend of Prince's father.[1040] Prince has worked alongside Bauer since his youth, as Bauer was a close friend of Prince's father. In the late 1980s, Family Research Council officially became a division of James Dobson's main organization, Focus on the Family.

The ECT document, explains Scahill, "articulated the vision that would animate Blackwater's corporate strategy and the politics practiced by Erik Prince—a marriage of the historical authority of the Catholic Church with the grassroots appeal of the modern conservative U.S. evangelical movement, bolstered by the cooperation of largely secular and Jewish neoconservatives."[1041] Damon Linker, who once edited Neuhaus's journal *First Things*, referred to the phenomenon as the rise of the "Theocons."[1042]

"Everybody carries guns, just like Jeremiah rebuilding the Temple in Israel, a sword in one hand, a trowel in the other," Prince said.[1043] Blackwater, now called XE, described by a former executive referring to himself as John Doe #2 as guilty of criminality, arms dealing, fraud, tax evasion, child prostitution and murder. According to John Doe #2:

> Mr. Prince is motivated to engage in misconduct by two factors: First, he views himself as a Christian crusader tasked with eliminating Muslims and the Islamic faith from the globe," John Doe #2 stated. "To that end, Mr. Prince intentionally deployed to Iraq certain men who shared his vision of Christian supremacy, knowing and wanting these men to take every available opportunity to murder Iraqis. Many of these men used call signs based on the Knights of the Templar, the warriors who fought the Crusades.[1044]

Blackwater received widespread notoriety in 2007, when a group of its employees were convicted of killing 14 Iraqi civilians in Nisour Square, Baghdad for which four guards were convicted in a U.S. court. Prince operated his companies in a manner that encouraged and rewarded the destruction of Iraqi lives. Going to Iraq to shoot and kill Iraqis was viewed as a sport or game. Prince's executives would openly speak about going over to Iraq to "lay Hajiis out on cardboard," and employees consistently used racist terms for Iraqis and other Arabs, such as "ragheads" or "hajiis."[1045]

15. Clash of Civilizations

Necessary Enemy

Having sufficiently weakened the crumbling empire by attacking its “soft underbelly” in Afghanistan, the Soviet Union was ripe for subversion. Scheming behind the scenes was Otto von Habsburg, Knight of Malta and co-founder of the synarchist Pan-European Union. In August 1989, merely months after the Soviets withdrew from Afghanistan on February 15, Otto organized the Pan-European Picnic, considered a significant milestone on the road to German reunification and the collapse of the Iron Curtain. At the picnic, several hundred East German citizens overran the old wooden gate, reaching Austria unhindered by the border guards. The Hungarian borders were opened on September 11, setting in motion a chain reaction, at the end of which the Berlin Wall fell, the Iron Curtain fell apart and the Eastern Bloc had disintegrated. The communist governments and the Warsaw Pact subsequently dissolved, ending the Cold War.

With the Soviet Union out of the way, the secret forces behind the Western powers needed a new enemy, now transforming the Mujahideen “freedom fighters” they had created into the specter of the “fundamentalist” Taliban. For the evangelical preachers of the CNP and their dispensationalist Christian Zionist sympathizers, according to their subjective interpretation of the *Book of Revelation*, the future of Christians is inextricably tied with the future of Israel, and that future may only unfold with the destruction of the Dome of the Rock, to make way for the reconstruction of the Temple of Jerusalem and the return of the Messiah. For the most fanatical Evangelicals, the countdown to Armageddon began with the return of the Jews to Israel, followed quickly by further signs pointing to the nearness of a final showdown: nuclear weapons, European integration, Israel’s seizure of Jerusalem, and America’s wars in Afghanistan and the Gulf.[1046]

As reported by Adam Curtis, the dichotomy created by the neoconservatives allowed them to feed the simplistic dualism of the Evangelical community, by framing the present conflict in Biblical proportions: “this dramatic battle between good and evil was precisely the kind of myth that Leo Strauss had taught his students would be necessary to rescue the country from moral decay.”[1047] Through the influence of Leo Strauss, the neoconservatives’ strategy represented the adoption of Carl Schmitt’s fascist concept of the “necessary enemy.” Strauss’s critique and clarifications of *The Concept of the Political* led Schmitt to make significant emendations in its second edition. Strauss wrote to Schmitt in 1932, and summarized the implications of his political theology as follows:

> [B]ecause man is by nature evil, he therefore needs dominion. But dominion can be established, that is, men can be unified only in a unity against—against other men. Every association of men is necessarily a separation from other men... the political thus understood is not the constitutive principle of the state, of order, but a condition of the state.[1048]

According to Allan Janik in his review of *A Dangerous Mind: Carl Schmitt in Post-War European Thought*:

> …George Bush’s politics of determined retaliation in the wake of September 11, 2001, follows a scenario entailing the United States identifying a mortal enemy against which it can clearly define itself that could well have been written by Schmitt. Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, and company (with perhaps even a few “New Europeans” thrown in)—like Schmitt—believe that powerful states have a mandate to assert themselves come what may, i.e., that international law is for the weak, not the strong as the United States demonstrated in Afghanistan and Iraq...[1049]

The neoconservatives followed Strauss in thinking, “that a political order can be stable only if it is united by an external threat,” as Drury wrote in her book, *Leo Strauss and the American Right*,

and that, “following Machiavelli, he maintained that if no external threat exists then one has to be manufactured.”[1050] In the early 1990s, with the Soviet Union effectively defeated and communism discredited, that new threat would become Islamic “fundamentalism,” to embark on a wholesale plan to reorganize the Middle East through the spread of “democracy.” However, according to Drury, the neoconservatives “really have no use for liberalism and democracy, but they’re conquering the world in the name of liberalism and democracy.”[1051] As Drury explained, even though Strauss “had a profound antipathy to both liberalism and democracy, his disciples have gone to great lengths to conceal the fact.”[1052]

Western liberal democracy, we are told by leading neoconservative Francis Fukuyama, is the “End of History” in a Hegelian sense, representing the triumph of centuries of intellectual progress. Fukuyama was strongly influenced by Alexander Kojève who, as early as 1948, believed that the United States was the model of economic life at the end of history. Long before the Cold War came to an end, Kojève anticipated the triumph of America over the Soviet Union, anticipating that it would not be a military triumph, but an economic one.[1053] Ultimately, Fukuyma’s claim borrows indirectly from Isaac Luria’s Kabbalistic conception of the process of human intellectual history. In other words, combined with the advent of liberal democracy, the supremacy of “Western” civilization supposedly marks the culmination of human intellectual evolution. In Fukuyama’s own words:

> What we may be witnessing is not just the end of the Cold War, or the passing of a particular period of post-war history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind’s ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government.[1054]

However, as Fukuyama clarified in a 2008 *Washington Post* opinion piece, “Democracy’s only real competitor in the realm of ideas today is radical Islamism.”[1055] It was in response to Fukuyama’s claim that Samuel Huntington developed the notion of a “Clash of Civilizations.” Huntington spent more than half a century at

Harvard University, where he was director of Harvard's Center for International Affairs and the Albert J. Weatherhead III University Professor. He also was co-author of *The Crisis of Democracy: On the Governability of Democracies*, a report issued by the Trilateral Commission during 1976. In 1977, his friend Zbigniew Brzezinski, who had been appointed National Security Adviser in the administration of Jimmy Carter, invited him to become White House Coordinator of Security Planning for the National Security Council.

Huntington was the founder of Harvard's John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, that has been financed by the John M. Olin Foundation, the Smith Richardson Foundation, and the Bradley Foundation. In addition, the Olin Foundation funded professors at leading schools all over the country and kept track of those who passed through Huntington's Olin program, noting that many went into public service and academia. Between 1990 and 2001, fifty-six of the eighty-eight Olin fellows at the Harvard program continued on to teach at the University of Chicago, Cornell, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Harvard, MIT, Penn, and Yale. Many others became public figures in government, think tanks, and the media. The roster of recipients included John Yoo, the legal scholar who went on to become the notorious author of the George W. Bush administration's controversial "torture memo," legalizing the American government's brutal interrogation of terror suspects.[1056]

The fabrication of the supposed threat of Islam obviously disguised more nefarious political goals. As Gilles Keppel explained:

> Huntington's clash of civilization theory facilitated the transfer to the Muslim world of a strategic hostility the West had inherited from decades of Cold War. The parallel drawn between the dangers of communism and those of Islam gave Washington's strategic planners the illusion that they could dispense with analyzing the nature of the Islamic "menace" and could simply transpose the conceptual tools designed to apprehend one threat to the very different realities of the other.
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> The neoconservative movement played a crucial role in bringing about this rhetorical permutation. It placed a facile way of thinking in the service of a precise political agenda, aimed at

> expanding the American democratic model into the Middle East – the only part of the world that it had not penetrated at the end of the twentieth century – and at modifying U.S. policy in the region to give Israel's security precedence over an alliance with the Saudi petro-monarchy.[1057]

Huntington believed that while the age of ideology had ended, the world had only reverted to a normal state of affairs characterized by conflict between cultural blocs. In his thesis, he argued that the primary axis of conflict in the future will be along cultural and religious lines. He suggests that it is different civilizations, as the highest rank of cultural identity, that will become increasingly useful to analyze the potential for conflict. As summarized by Bryan Turner, "the popular debate about the Huntington thesis has obscured its intellectual dependence on an academic tradition of political philosophy that sought to define sovereignty in terms of civilizational struggles between friend and foe, namely the legacy of Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss."[1058]

First articulated in an article for *Foreign Affairs*, a publication of the Council on Foreign Relations, the world's preeminent globalist institution, Huntington explained the basis of the "Clash of Civilizations" as deriving from the new reality that, while the age of ideology had ended, the world's normal state of affairs would be exposed, and characterized by conflict between cultural blocs. He argued that the primary axis of conflict in the future will be along cultural and religious lines. These are Western civilization, which is comprised of US, England, Western Europe and Australia. Latin America is marked by adherence to Catholic Christianity, and Huntington outlines Sub-Saharan Africa as a possible civilization.

Most important is the Orthodox world, consisting of the former Soviet Union, and then China and the Islamic world. Huntington also argues that civilizational conflicts are "particularly prevalent between Muslims and non-Muslims," identifying the "bloody borders" between Islamic and non-Islamic civilizations. Huntington argues that a "Sino-Islamic connection" is emerging in which China will cooperate more closely with Iran, Pakistan, and other states to augment its

international position. Russia and India are what Huntington terms ‘swing civilizations’ and may favor either side.

September 11

9/11 provided a crucial opportunity for the architects of the Iraq war to initiate the War on Terror, as a means of advancing Israeli foreign policy by proxy. These include neoconservatives of Le Cercle, former U.S. Defense Secretary and President of the World Bank Paul Wolfowitz, former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and former Chairman of the Defense Department’s Defense Policy Board Richard Perle. A telling example of collusion between neoconservatives and Israel began with the publication of *A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm*, a policy document that was prepared in 1996 by a study group led by Perle for Benjamin Netanyahu, then Prime Minister of Israel. The report has since been criticized for advocating an aggressive new policy including the removal of Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq and the containment of Syria by engaging in proxy warfare and highlighting its possession of “weapons of mass destruction.”[1059]

The neoconservatives’ new strategy began to achieve dangerous proportions when in 1992 Wolfowitz, as Dick Cheney’s undersecretary of defense for policy, authored a “Defense Planning Guidance Paper,” which outlined the US’ strategic priorities in the post-Cold War era. Leaked to the *New York Times*, the document prescribed securing global supremacy for the US through military confrontation with various regimes, calling for America to assert its interests wherever they existed, with particular emphasis on oil supplies and the security of Israel. According to the authors, it was time for the US to achieve unparalleled military superiority through a massive build up of the country’s military capabilities.

This same worldview was furthered with the creation of a specifically designed think tank, known as the Project for a New American Century (PNAC), which was supported with funding from the Bradley Foundation, John M. Olin Foundation and Scaife Foundations.[1060] The signatories to the project included Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, and leading neoconservatives, like

Wolfowitz, Douglas Feith, Richard Perle and Elliot Abrams, who had been found guilty of lying about his role in the Iran-Contra operation, but was later pardoned by George H.W. Bush.

In September 2000, the PNAC drafted a plan for U.S. global domination. Titled, “Rebuilding America’s Defenses: Strategy, Forces and Resources for a New Century,” the PNAC report envisioned an expanded global military role for the US, by stipulating, “The United States has for decades sought to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. A “core mission” for the U.S. military, according to the PNAC, is to “fight and decisively win multiple, simultaneous major theatre wars.” While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein.” However, it added, “even should Saddam pass from the scene,” the plan states, U.S. military bases in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait will remain, despite domestic opposition in the Gulf states to the permanent stationing of U.S. troops. Iran, it says, “may well prove as large a threat to U.S. interests as Iraq has.”

Ominously, the document stated: “the process of transformation,” the plan further clarified, “is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event—like a new Pearl Harbor.”[1061] That event, of course, was the attack of 9/11, orchestrated to provide the neoconservatives with their needed pretext to expand their imperial objectives into the Middle East and Central Asia. Much like the Warren Commission before it, the myth of 19 hijackers was then fabricated by the 9/11 Commission, denouncing as “conspiracy theorists” all who dared to point to the mountains of evidence and simple common sense that undermined the official government version of events.

The Machiavellian purpose of the tragedy of 9/11 was described by Philip Zelikow, the executive director of the 9/11 Commission. While at Harvard, Zelikow had worked on the use of history in policymaking. He and his fellow researchers observed, as Zelikow noted in his own words, that “contemporary” history is “defined functionally by those critical people and events that go into forming the public’s presumptions about its immediate past.”[1062] In writing about the importance of beliefs about history, Zelikow has called

attention to what he has referred to as “searing” or “molding” events take on “transcendent” importance and, therefore, retain their power even as the experiencing generation passes from the scene.[1063] In the November-December 1998 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, he co-authored an article entitled “Catastrophic Terrorism,” in which he speculated that if the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center had succeeded:

> …the resulting horror and chaos would have exceeded our ability to describe it. Such an act of catastrophic terrorism would be a watershed event in American history. It could involve loss of life and property unprecedented in peacetime and undermine America’s fundamental sense of security, as did the Soviet atomic bomb test in 1949. Like Pearl Harbor, the event would divide our past and future into a before and after. The United States might respond with draconian measures scaling back civil liberties, allowing wider surveillance of citizens, detention of suspects and use of deadly force. More violence could follow, either future terrorist attacks or U.S. counterattacks. Belatedly, Americans would judge their leaders negligent for not addressing terrorism more urgently.[1064]

Again, during his tenure on a highly knowledgeable and well-connected body known as the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB), which reports directly to the president, Philip Zelikow revealed the true aims behind the US’ invasion of Iraq, which had supposedly been in retaliation for 9/11. Zelikow told a crowd at the University of Virginia on September 10, 2002, speaking on a panel of foreign policy experts:

> Why would Iraq attack America or use nuclear weapons against us? I’ll tell you what I think the real threat [is] and actually has been since 1990—it’s the threat against Israel...
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> And this is the threat that dare not speak its name, because the Europeans don’t care deeply about that threat, I will tell you frankly. And the American government doesn’t want to lean too hard on it rhetorically, because it is not a popular sell.[1065]

The obvious pretext of the 9/11 attacks were revealed by General Wesley Clark, who would later join the 2004 race for the Democratic Party presidential nomination. In an interview with *Democracy Now* in 2007, Clark related that only nine days after the attack, on September 20, 2001, he visited the offices in the Pentagon of the Joint Staff who used to work for him, and was told confidentially by one of the generals, "We're going to war with Iraq!" When Clark asked why, the general said, "I don't know… I guess they don't know what else to do." When he went back to see him a few weeks later, by which time the Americans were already bombing Afghanistan, Clark recounts:

> I said, "Are we still going to war with Iraq?" And he said, "Oh, it's worse than that." He reached over on his desk. He picked up a piece of paper. And he said, "I just got this down from upstairs"—meaning the Secretary of Defense's office—"today." And he said, "This is a memo that describes how we're going to take out seven countries in five years, starting with Iraq, and then Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and, finishing off, Iran.[1066]

Finally, just prior to America's invasion of Iraq, Brian Whitaker reported in *The Guardian* in 2002 that "with several of the *Clean Break* paper's authors now holding key positions in Washington, the plan for Israel to transcend its foes by reshaping the Middle East looks a good deal more achievable today than it did in 1996. Americans may even be persuaded to give up their lives to achieve it."[1067] Among the leading neoconservatives in this cabal was the Strategy of Tension's Michael Ledeen, who became a holder of the Freedom Chair at AEI, and was a founding member of Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA). Despite his dubious credentials, Ledeen's ideas were quoted daily by such figures as Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and Paul Wolfowitz. In 2003, the *Washington Post* discovered that Ledeen was the only full-time international affairs analyst consulted by Karl Rove, George W. Bush's closest advisor.[1068]

Ledeen prescribed that a destructive dynamism would transform the Middle East, not only Iraq, but also Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iran, and beyond. According to Ledeen, the governments of all these countries must be overthrown, either by a US-supported internal rebellion or by outright military invasion. Ledeen predicted:

> Our unexpectedly quick and impressive victory in Afghanistan is a prelude to a much broader war, which will in all likelihood transform the Middle East for at least a generation, and reshape the politics of many other countries around the world.[1069]

Evidently, the countries Ledeen lists in the Middle East do not present a "clear and present" danger to the United States. All these abstract articulations were designed to hide the ignoble pursuit of Israeli foreign policy objectives, as outlined in the *Clean Break* strategy. Acts of "preemption," as it prescribed, would therefore include Israel engaging Hezbollah, Syria, and Iran, by confronting their proxies in Lebanon. Political commentator Phyllis Bennis pointed to the obvious similarities between the strategies outlined in the *Clean Break* and the subsequent 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict.[1070] Already in September 2006, Taki of *The American Conservative* reported:

> …recently, Netanyahu suggested that President Bush had assured him Iran will be prevented from going nuclear. I take him at his word. Netanyahu seems to be the main mover in America's official adoption of the 1996 white paper *A Clean Break*, authored by him and American fellow neocons, which aimed to aggressively remake the strategic environments of Iraq, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and Iran. As they say in boxing circles, three down, two to go.

Shortly after, Joshua Muravchik, a self-confessed "dyed-in-the-wool, true-believer neocon," outlined the pretext for America spreading "democracy" at the point of a gun. Speaking for the neoconservatives:

> We agreed on the need to address the root causes of terrorism, but for us that root cause was the political culture of the Middle East. Political culture did not mean Islam. Rather, it meant a habit of conducting politics by means of violence. At the time of the attacks, not one of the region's rulers (apart from Israel's) had been freely elected to his post. All relied on force and intimidation.
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> The neocon solution involved overhauling the way the region thinks about politics so that terrorism would no longer seem reasonable. This was a wildly ambitious idea, of course, but similar transformations had occurred in Europe and much of Asia over the previous half-century. If democracy had shown its potency in discouraging war elsewhere, it stood to reason that it also could be a cure to terrorism in the Middle East.[1071]

Similarly, Richard Perle's book *An End to Evil: How to Win the War on Terror*, coauthored with fellow neoconservative David Frum, son of well-known Canadian journalist and broadcaster Barbara Frum, in 2004, criticizes American bureaucracy, suggesting that "we" as "Americans" must "overhaul the institutions of our government to ready them for a new kind of war against a new kind of enemy" including the FBI, CIA, armed forces, and State Department.[1072] The book also defends the 2003 invasion of Iraq and outlines important neoconservative aspirations, including ways to abandon all Israeli-Palestinian peace processes, invade Syria, and implement strict US domestic surveillance, with biometric identity cards and public vigilance to hinder potential terrorist immigrant or terrorist sympathizer threats. Perle and Frum conclude, shamelessly: "For us, terrorism remains the great evil of our time, and the war against this evil, our generation's great cause… There is no middle way for Americans: it is victory or holocaust."[1073]

Terrorists

But while the purported culprits were al Qaeda, along with the Muslim Brotherhood with the support of Saudi Arabia, these groups had also been involved in bringing George W. Bush to the White

House. Not only had George W. long received the direct financial support of the Saudis, but it was also discovered in October 2001 that the Muslim Brotherhood's Dr. Jamal Barzinji was at the time president of the Safa Group, a secretive group of prominent Muslim charities and businesses in Northern Virginia funneling millions of dollars to foreign terrorists, and part of a suspicious agenda designed to sway the Muslim vote in favor of George W. Bush's run at the presidency. The probe of the groups in Herndon, Virginia, was the largest federal investigation of its kind in the world. The network was centered around the SAAR Foundation, named after its chief sponsor, Sulaiman Abdul Aziz al Rajhi, head of one of Saudi Arabia's wealthiest families. The treasurer of SAAR was Cherif Sedky, an American lawyer for the Rahji family, and representative of George W. Bush's former business partner and head of BCCI, Khalid bin Mahfouz. The Safa trust provided funds for a political group with a name that is oxymoronic: the Islamic Free Market Institute. The nonprofit Islamic Institute was started by Grover Norquist in collaboration with Karl Rove, George W. Bush's chief political adviser. Norquist, who along with other institute leaders, courted Muslim voters for the Bush 2000 presidential campaign, credits the "Muslim vote" of putting Bush in a position to win the Florida contest. [1074] It is a sad commentary on the fatal ignorance of American Muslims, who voted in the President who incepted the War on Terror, a propagandistic euphemism for what is actually the "War on Islam."

According to reports, Khalid bin Mahfouz, who had maintained close business relationships with the Bush family, transferred millions of dollars through NCB to charities operating as fronts for al-Qaeda. Mahfouz personally owned a 20% stake in BCCI, and in 1993, he was indicted by a New York state grand jury for fraud but denied any culpability. The fraud charges were settled for $225 million in lieu of fines. Mahfouz also helped set up a charity organization called the Muwafaq Foundation, which in 2001 the U.S. Treasury Department named a front organization. In 2002, a raid by Bosnian authorities on the Sarajevo offices of the Benevolence International Foundation, a multimillion-dollar charity, led to the discovery of a document called the "Golden Chain," a list of Al Qaeda sponsors. According to Jim Unger, "The donors of the Golden

Chain were not just wealthy Saudis—they were the crème de la crème of the great Saudi industrial and mercantile elite."[1075] In addition to bin Mahfouz, they included three billionaire bankers, a former government minister, and leading Saudi merchants and industrialists, as well as the bin Laden brothers who ran the Bin Laden Group. By that time, bin Mahfouz had taken over NCB, and become the banker of the Saudi royal family, and the most powerful banker in Saudi Arabia.

Daniel Hopsicker, in *Welcome to Terrorland: Mohamed Atta & the 9-11 Cover-up in Florida*, reveals that least eight of the terrorist pilots received their initial training in Venice, Florida, at either of the flight schools owned by Arne Kruithof and Rudi Dekkers, who were part of a hornets' nest of CIA activity. Yeslam bin Laden also provided several students for training at Huffman, though he still claims to be estranged from his step-brother. Less than three months before the two terrorists began flight training, a Lear jet owned by Wally Hilliard, Dekkers' financier, carrying 43 pounds of heroin, was seized by the DEA. Hilliard was then loaned a plane—a Beechcraft King Air 200, worth over $2 million—by Truman Arnold for only one dollar. Arnold, the chief fund-raiser for the Democratic Party in 1995, also played golf with Clinton. The plane was conveyed from Arnold to a Hilliard company, Oryx, founded by Sheik Kamal Adham—former director of Saudi intelligence, and BCCI front-man—and Adnan Khashoggi. Wally Hilliard also did business with Myron Du Bain, who had worked alongside late ex-CIA director John McCone, on the boards of several banks.

Britannia Aviation, which operated from a hangar at Huffman Aviation at the Venice Airport, had a "green light" from the Justice Department's Drugs Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Venice Police Department "had been warned to leave them alone." It was also found that Britannia had been providing maintenance services for Caribe Air, a Caribbean company, and notorious CIA proprietary carrier. Britannia was contracted to operate a large maintenance facility at the Lynchburg, Virginia, Regional Airport. Britannia's move from Venice to Lynchburg, VA, was eased because Hilliard had loaned Jerry Falwell a million dollars. Many flight trainers who trained the Arab terrorists also moonlighted by flying "Christian

missionary" flights to Central and South America, out of the Venice and Sarasota Airports, for Falwell crony, Pat Robertson's Operation Blessing.[1076]

Hilliard was also involved in the mysterious evacuation of a number of leading Saudis in the days immediately following 9/11, at a time when every other private plane in the nation was grounded due to safety concerns. *The Tampa Tribune* called it "The Phantom Flight from Florida," because the federal government denied it ever took place. It carried a Saudi Arabian prince, the son of that nation's defense minister, as well as the son of a Saudi army commander, and it flew from Tampa to Lexington, Kentucky. They flew on Wally Hilliard's charter aircraft to private fields of military contractor Raytheon, and departed on a 747.

Boarding a plane from Lexington was Prince Ahmed bin Salman, a nephew of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. Ahmed's father, Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz, was the governor of Riyadh and member of the Sudairi clan, who had worked closely with Osama bin Laden during the Afghanistan war. Ahmed was better known as the owner of many top racehorses, like Point Given, the 2001 Horse of the Year, which won two legs of the Triple Crown. When Abu Zubayda, the chief of operations for al Qaeda, was captured in Pakistan. The CIA attempted to intimidate him into confessing by sending a team of Arab Americans posing as Saudi security agents, because of their reputation for brutality. The opposite was the effect. Instead, Zubaydah was relieved, and provided the agents the contact information for Prince Ahmed bin Salman, explaining, "he will tell you what to do." He said that, several years earlier, the royal family had settled a deal with al Qaeda, by which the Saudis would help the Taliban, if al Qaeda would refrain from attacking Saudi Arabia. Therefore, Zubayda added, he dealt with Prince Ahmed.[1077]

Islamic State

ISIS, explained Graeme Wood, pursues the reestablishment of a territorial caliphate that is believed necessary for the coming of the Mahdi, who is believed to precede the return of Jesus. Wood proposes that the capture of the Syrian town of Dabiq, for example,

was heralded as a great victory not because it is strategically important—because it isn't—but because it has been prophesized as the location of the final battle, much like Megiddo, the plain in Northern Israel Armageddon is to take place. *Dabiq* is also become the name of the ISIS' newsletter. The specific prophecy is that the armies of "Rome," which in Islam and Judaism is a euphemism for Christianity, will come to Dabiq, and lose in a great battle. Then, the victorious caliphate will expand. Then the Dajjal will arise from Persia, or ISIS's current nemesis, Iran. And though most of the caliphate will be defeated, a remainder will retreat to Jerusalem, where Jesus will emerge and finally defeat the Dajjal.

During an interview on *Veterans Today Radio Show* with Stew Webb, Gordon Duff, Senior Editor of *VeteransToday.com*, stated that the CIA, Mossad and Saudi Intelligence created ISIS. Professor Jim Fetzer of *VeteransToday* further stated that Alan Sabrosky, "will have a report that a retired U.S. Army Major General Paul E. Valley is guiding the terrorists and their operations against Assad." Fetzer then asked Duff if he could confirm or deny the charge, after which Duff responded: "Vallely is the commander of ISIS, yes."[1078]

A declassified secret Defense Intelligence Agency report, written in August 2012, predicted precisely the outcome in Syria, effectively welcoming the prospect of a "Salafist principality" in eastern Syria and an al Qaeda-controlled Islamic state in Syria and Iraq. In stark contrast to Western claims at the time, the document identifies al-Qaeda in Iraq—in other words, ISIS—and fellow Salafists as the "major forces driving the insurgency in Syria," and asserts that "western countries, the Gulf states and Turkey" were supporting the opposition's efforts to take control of eastern Syria. Mentioning the "possibility of establishing a declared or undeclared Salafist principality," the Pentagon report further adds, "this is exactly what the supporting powers to the opposition want, in order to isolate the Syrian regime, which is considered the strategic depth of the Shia expansion (Iraq and Iran)."[1079]

A key agent of reviving the specter of al Qaeda in Iraq was another prominent Jihadi Salafi, Abu Musab al Zarqawi, whose spiritual mentors included veterans of the *"Jihad"* in Afghanistan, such as Abu Qatada and the Palestinian-Jordanian Abu Mohammed

al Maqdisi. Maqdisi, considered the founder of Salafi-Jihadism, spent time in Pakistan and Afghanistan in the 1980s, where his writings and speeches legitimizing violence influenced al Qaeda. Originally influenced by the Muslim Brotherhood, al Maqdisi began to see the rulers of the Muslim world as apostates (*Kafirs*) who should be fought in order to apply the *Shariah*.

Abu Qatada is a known M15 agent. A Palestinian militant of Jordanian citizenship, Qatada is under worldwide embargo by the UN for his affiliation with al-Qaeda, and is considered to have acted as the ideologue for that organization and as the leader of terrorist groups in Algeria, the US, Belgium, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, and Jordan. Abu Qatada became infamous after 1994 when he supported the *Fatwa* of an Algerian cleric that the killing of women and children by the militants in the Algerian civil war was justified. However, in the mid-1990s Abu Qatada offered his services to MI5, boasting of his wide influence, but promising that he would not "bite the hand that fed him."[1080] Britain then ignored warnings from half a dozen governments about his links with terrorist groups and refused to arrest him.

Zarqawi, the initial leader of al Qaeda in Iraq, achieved notoriety for decapitating hostages. However, an ideological rift emerged between he and al Maqdisi in 2004, due to Zarqawi's *Takfiri* pronouncements against the Shia of Iraq, who had subsequently become the focus of his violence instead of the Americans. Al Maqdisi was briefly released from prison and criticized Zarqawi's car-bombing campaign against the Shiah. Those pronouncements led some to accuse him of becoming a tool for the Jordanian or American authorities, an accusation that has been renewed in recent years.[1081] The writings of al Maqdisi still have a wide following. A study carried out by the Combating Terrorism Center of the United States Military Academy (USMA) concluded that al Maqdisi "is the most influential living Jihadi Theorist" and that "by all measures, Maqdisi is the key contemporary ideologue in the Jihadi intellectual universe."

The current name of the group originally founded by Zarqawi, known as the Organization of Monotheism and Jihad, is now the infamous ISIS, or Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, who by

continuing to base their violence on the errant *Mardin Fatwa*, serve as the new specter used to exaggerate fears about Islam as a violent religion, and to provide Israel with the needed pretext to justify continued American support and to expand its colonial ambitions in the region.

16. Black Order

Putin's Rasputin

On Yuzhinsky Lane in Moscow, lived Joseph Goldin and there gathered a group of enthusiasts with the aim of organizing a Moscow branch of the Esalen Institute.[1082] In the 1980s, with the collapse of the Soviet Union in sight, given the damage incurred by the CIA's covert war in Afghanistan, Michael Murphy and his wife Dulce were instrumental in organizing the Soviet-American Exchange Program with Goldin, in order to provide a vehicle for citizen-to-citizen relations between Russians and Americans. In 1989, Esalen brought Boris Yeltsin on his first trip to the United States, and believe they were partly responsible for his conversion to capitalism, which brought about the fall of the Soviet Union.[1083] Yeltsin was responsible for bringing to power over Russia, hand-picked from relative obscurity, former KGB agent Vladimir Putin.

Alexander Dugin, a man known as "Putin's Rasputin," was a leading member of a circle of artists and poets named the Yuzhinsky Circle, who gathered in the late 1950s and early 1960s, around the writer Yury Mamleev, whose apartment was also on Yuzhinsky Lane. There have been particular men or women of influence from the occult underground who have significantly shaped recent times. We will remember Edward Bulwer-Lytton, H.P. Blavatsky, Aleister Crowley, Papus, René Guénon and Julius Evola. Fifty years from now, historians of occult influence will likely add Alexander Dugin, the leading representative of Traditionalism today.

Dugin's interest in Aleister Crowley started at the beginning of 1993, following the visit to Moscow by Christian Bouchet, a French far-right journalist and politician, associated with the *Nouvelle Droite,* who was born in 1955 into a radical-right family with strong Vichy and OAS links.[1084] Calling himself "Frater Marcion," Bouchet is a high initiate of Memphis-Misraim, who claimed to be the head of the OTO in France.[1085] Bouchet has been described as "one of the

principal promoters of satanic thought in France."[1086] Commenting on the relationship between Satanism and the extreme right, French sociologist Paul Ariès observed:

> Effectively, why is there connivance between, on the one part, these extreme right groups, and on the other part, these Satanist networks? It is, ultimately, a common foundation of anti-egalitarians, or a cult of the superman. For them, the society is rotten. But, we have to probe the depths of that rot. That is, it is necessary to lead as much as possible to the destruction of society. It is necessary that evil be performed, in order to lead to a good society.[1087]

Most importantly, Dugin is only three degrees of separation from Le Cercle, as his mentor was the GRECE member Jean Parvulesco, who in turn was a protégée of Raymond Abellio, a fellow architect of the Priory of Sion mythos, and who worked closely with Antoine Pinay, founder of the Bilderberg Group and Le Cercle.[1088] As succinctly described by Robert Zubrin:

> Men of action cut a large figure in the history books, but it is the ideas placed in their heads by men of thought that actually determine what they do. Thus the scribblings of mad philosophers can lead to the deaths of millions. As the modern-day heir to this tradition, Alexander Dugin bids fair to break the record.
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> Most Americans don't know anything about Alexander Dugin. They need to, because Dugin is the mad philosopher who is redesigning the brains of much of the Russian government and public, filling their minds with a new hate-ridden totalitarian ideology whose consequences can only be catastrophic in the extreme, not only for Russia, but for the entire human race.[1089]

Mikhail Gorbachev, who had himself endorsed the "Roerich idea," had wished to use it to revitalize a Soviet ideology. As

explained by Markus Osterrieder, describing the occult milieu that grew out of the influence of Nicholas Roerich in Russia:

> The rich repertoire of facts, lies and rumors about occult politics and secret brotherhoods was rediscovered in the early 1990s among the ever-growing followers of the neo-Eurasians movement. Pre-eminent in this movement is the above-mentioned Aleksandr Dugin with his rather close links to both the European rightwingers and "esoteric traditionalists" (adepts of Saint-Yves, Papus, Evola, Guénon et al.), who began to spread the rumour about the alleged existence of a secret brotherhood Agartha in the ranks of the GRU. Franco-Romanian writer Jean Parvulesco (Pârvulescu) even added that Vladimir Putin had to be seen as an envoy of this order.[1090]

According to Dugin, his mentor Jean Parvulesco was acquainted with "the representatives of an 'occult, parallel history' – mystics, outstanding masons, kabbalists, esoterists, secret agents of various special services, ideologists, politicians and artists."[1091] Parvulesco's ideas shared many themes with those of Miguel Serrano, in particular his obsession with the Black Sun, the Green Ray, National Socialism and sexual yoga.[1092] The Black Sun is a term coined by Wilhelm Landig for the symbol of a wheel of twelve sig runes found on the floor of the General's at Wewelsburg Castle designed by Himmler's SS, the original Black Oder. Originally, the black sun, is a symbol for Lucifer, is the "nocturnal Sun" identified with Saturn, or Kronos, and worshipped as the malevolent aspect of the dying-god, like the lion-headed god of Mithraism.

R.P. Martin's 1984 book, *Le Renversement ou la Boucane contre l'Ordre Noir ou* ("The Reversal or The Smoke Against the Black Order"), tells of the discovery in 1971 of a group of ex-Nazis working behind the scenes for world domination called the Black Order. It maintains a worldwide network of bases from which it destabilizes Western nations through terrorism, the encouragement of vice and of racism. In *La Conspiracion de Noces Polaires*, Parvulesco wrote:

> Soldiers already lost in a war that becomes ever more total, ever more occult, we bear at the very edges of this world the spiritual arms and the most enigmatic destiny of military honors from the Beyond. In the ranks, both visible and invisible, of the Black Order to which we belong, those whom death has struck down march on side by side with those who are still standing. [1093]

In *Operation Orb*, Jean Robin, one of the foremost authorities on René Guénon, supplemented the myth of Nazi UFOs in Antarctica, based supposedly on evidence of a friend who claimed that there was found the new Asgard or Agartha, the headquarters of the Black Order, where 350,000 initiates await "Him Who Shall Come." According to the book, Hitler died in a subterranean retreat in 1953, and his body is enshrined side by side with that of Raoul Wallenburg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews during WWII. This apparent contradiction, Robin's friend was made to understand, was not perceived as a conflict of interest by the Jewish members of the Black Order, who blame their fellow Jews for their "refusal to collaborate" with the evolutionary process.[1094]

Parvulesco expressed his allegiance to a "supreme, transcendental center of the Black Order,… the philosophical snows of the imperial, immaculate, and the most hermetic Asgärd."[1095] According to Parvulesco, the SS were merely an imitation of this true Black Order, to which the highest initiates belong.[1096] In his last work, *Star of an Invisible Empire*, which he referred to as "a most secret and dangerous initiation novel," Parvulesco describes servants of "Aquarius," who are trying to present their plan as the forefront of evolution, under the catchwords New Age and New World Order.[1097] But, fighting against Aquarius are the representatives of a secret Western order called Atlantis Magna. They organize a resistance against the "New World Order," Americanism, and liberalism, and weave a planetary conspiracy with the participation of all political forces in opposition to globalization. Underground groups, social-revolutionaries, descendants of aristocratic families opposed to "democracy," members of the Italian mafia, Gaullists and admirers of Franco, Third World revolutionaries,

shamans of America and Asia, communist leaders, German bankers —all of them become participants in the geopolitical project, directed towards the creation of the Final Event of History, the appearance of the *Regnum Sacrum* or *Imperium Sacrum*, the Great Eurasian Empire of the End.

Yuzhinsky Circle

Dugin was born in Moscow into the family of a high-ranking Soviet military intelligence officer, and continues to have close ties to the Kremlin and Russian military.[1098] After finishing high school with mediocre academic achievement, he entered the Moscow Aviation Institute, but quit due to either poor results, or because of an arrest connected with dissident activities. Another biography asserts that after his expulsion from the school, he started working in a KGB archive, where he gained access to and read large amounts of forbidden literature on Masonry, fascism and paganism.[1099] A self-taught polyglot, he became an avid reader of a large array of works in his fields of interest, from Middle Age and Renaissance European authors to Oriental Studies—translating to Russian from English, French, and German in some instances—and also the writings of Evola and Guénon.

Religious Traditionalism, Conservatism, Hermeticism and poetry were topics followed closely by Dugin, and a group formed with philosophers/thinkers who were also interested in Traditionalism: Gaydar Jamal, Evgeniy Golovin, Yuri Mamleev, Vladimir Stepanov, and Sergey Jigalkin. The Yuzhinsky Circle had originally been established in search of all forms of occult knowledge, starting with yoga and Sufism, but had gradually come to concentrate on the work of George Gurdjieff. The Yuzhinsky Circle called themselves “sexual mystics” or “metaphysics” and not only studied esoteric literature and recited their own writings, but as some witnesses and scholars have confirmed, they also experimented with practices of excessively amoral behavior and acted out what some have described as a “poetics of monstrosity.”[1100] Other salons called them “Satanists.”[1101]

The circle had a strong influence not only on several of today's well-known writers—for example, Vladimir Sorokin and Viktor Erofeev—but also on mystical ideologists of Russian neo-Fascism, namely, Alexander Dugin and Gaydar Jamal, who today have become part of official politics. Mamleev has been called "a representative of the aesthetics of evil," and describes in his cryptic novels scenes of human perversion and degradation.[1102] Though Mamleev was forgotten in his home, Russia, he came to be recognized in the West as one of the foremost Russian writers and thinkers. Written in 1966, the mystical novel *The Sublimes* is one of Mamleev's most famous works. Its protagonist, Fyodor Sonnov, commits a series of murders with the aim of penetrating the mystery of the victim's soul, and hence the hereafter, to learn the eternal secret of death by "empirical" means.[1103]

In the 1950s, Mamleev discovered the Western classics of occult writing in Moscow's Lenin Library: Evola, Eliphas Lévi, Papus, Blavatsky, Steiner, Gurdjieff, Ouspensky and Carl Jung. Having been forced to emigrate in 1975, Mamleev went first to the United States where he taught at Cornell University and, in 1983, to France where he taught at the Sorbonne. Mamleev promptly became one of the mediators between the Eastern and Western occult underground by contributing to and helping smuggle the journal *Okkul'tizm i ioga* ["Occultism and Yoga"] into Russia.[1104] The journal was founded in 1933 by Alexander Aseev, a correspondent of Nicholas Roerich, and was published under the close supervision of Roerich's wife, Helena.[1105]

The Circle's core group also discussed banned books they could obtain, in particular those dealing with metaphysics, Hermeticism, Gnosticism, Kabbalah, magic and astrology. In the 1950s and 1960s, Western esoteric works were not classified as politically subversive and were still freely available at the Lenin Library. Only later were they added to the "special collection" of prohibited books (*spetskhran*) began spreading through some underground salons. Gurdjieff became one of the fashionable authors of the time. Vladimir Stepanov was also in contact with Gurdjieffians abroad, including former MI6 agent John G. Bennett and Idris Shah. Mamleev himself published several articles on

Buddhism, Hinduism and the Western New Age and helped circulate it in the Soviet Union.[1106]

Mamleev is often put forward as the first to introduce into the Soviet Union unknown European of Traditionalists such as Guénon and Evola.[1107] Golovin, Mamleev's main disciple, became the group's new leader in his absence. Golovin had a reputation as a master alchemist with a fascination for the Third Reich. In the early 1960s, Golovin reportedly discovered the founding work of "fantastic realism," the *Morning of the Magicians*, by GRECE members Jacques Bergier and Gurdjieff student Louis Pauwels. It was in that work that Golovin first discovered the ideas of René Guénon.[1108] Golovin soon discovered Guénon's seminal 1927 work, *The Crisis of the Modern World*, in the Lenin Library. Inspired by Guénon's portrayal of alchemy as a "traditional cosmological," Golovin studied medieval and early modern alchemical works and authors, by Splendor Solis, Sendivogius, John Dee, Eiraneus Philalethes, Leibniz, and the *Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz*, as well as, Golovin claims, "all the literature written on this topic [alchemy] in the 20th century."[1109] However, it was Evola's 1931 *La tradizione ermetica* ("The Hermetic Tradition") that introduced Golovin to Evola, whom he in turn introduced to the Yuzhinsky Circle.[1110] Dugin claims that Golovin was the first in Russia to read Evola.[1111]

Inspired by the revelations in *The Morning of the Magicians* about Nazi occultism, Golovin also derived his infamous "lifelong great sympathy for Nazi aesthetics."[1112] He published under the pseudonym Aleksandr Shternberg, probably a reference to the "Mad Baron" von Ungern-Sternberg. Golovin was "completely obsessed with the Third Reich, seeing in it a monstrous and mystical yin to humanity's yang."[1113] Golovin founded the internal "Black Order of the SS," of which he reportedly called himself the Führer when the Yuzhinsky Circle moved to his own apartment.[1114] Golovin told them to wear Nazi paraphernalia, and hung a picture of Hitler on his wall. "There was nothing anti-Semitic about it," clarified one of his followers. "There were lots of Jews at these gatherings. We would all shout 'Sieg Heil' and 'Heil Hitler' and all we meant was 'down with the Soviet power!'"[1115]

Dugin later spoke of the circle as "the true masters of the Moscow esoteric elite."[1116] It was actually Gaydar Jamal, a Muscovite of Azerbaijani origin, who would take Dugin as his disciple and initiate him into the circle in 1980. Both Golovin and Jamal referred to three authors as having a structural influence on their ideological evolution: Claudio Mutti, Miguel Serrano, and Mircea Eliade. In the late 1960's, Jamal used contacts in Paris to have a nearly complete collection of Guénon's work sent to Moscow, and in the 1980's he was reportedly close to "some French diplomatic personnel who transported forbidden books through the diplomatic pouch."[1117] Within a year of joining the circle, Dugin reportedly translated into Russian Evola's 1933 *Pagan Imperialism* followed by Evola's 1961 *Ride the Tiger*. Jamal would later share that he discovered "Nazi mysticism" through Armin Mohler's famous 1972 *Die Konservative Revolution in Deutschland 1918-1932*, which features sections on Guideo von List, Liebenfels, Sebottendorf, and SS member Herman Wirth, the co-founder of the *Ahnenerbe* with Himmler, who influenced Evola.[1118]

By the time Dugin joined the circle, "excess in all forms" had become the norm, which according to Dugin, was also a form of revolt. As well as the consumption of significant quantities of alcohol and drugs, this excess included sexual experimentation. Explorations into depravity and debauchery, similar to some of Aleister Crowley's practices with the Golden Dawn, were part of the experimentation to which the members contributed, in the belief that:

> Only in the depth of the total underground, behind closed curtains, a new free and independent consciousness will be born […] in this situation with all its deviances, despair and departure from everything out-side—an impossible literature will emerge, a literature worthy of Russia!—even if it is monstrous at first sight! (…) From the depth of the deepest abasement it shall rise![1119]

In 1987, during Perestroika, on Golovin's advice, Dugin joined the notorious Russian Neo-Nazi, Orthodox Christian organization *Pamyat*—Moscow's major independent ultra-nationalist organization

—at that time headed by Dmitrii Vasilev. Having served at the Central Council of Pamyat in 1988–1989, Dugin and Jamal, however, left the organization after a conflict with Vasilev, who denounced Dugin as a "kike-mason."[1120]

Beginning in the late 1980s, Dugin began a period of outreach to the *Nouvelle Droite*, meeting a number of ultra-nationalist European publicists, including Alain de Benoist, Jean-François Thiriart, Claudio Mutti and Robert Steukers. Benoist, reported Charles Clover in *Black Wind, White Snow*, "recalls being struck by how remarkably well informed the Russian [Dugin] was about what was being published in the West [and] seemed to have read almost everything de Benoist had ever written."[1121] Steukers' mentor was GRECE member Armin Mohler.[1122] Steukers was the first to introduce Dugin to National Bolshevism.[1123]

In 1994, together with fellow nationalist intellectual Eduard Limonov, Dugin founded the National Bolshevik Party (NBP), which he called a "political art project."[1124] Limonov was drawn to punk subculture and radical politics. He lived for a time in New York, where his acquaintances included Studio 54's Steve Rubell, and a Trotskyist group, the Socialist Workers Party, to which James Burnham had belonged.[1125] The National Bolsheviks, with Dugin as their main ideologist, tried to bring Aleister Crowley's ideas into popularity with the wider masses in Russia. Dugin refers positively to Crowley's legacy, placing him within the larger context of Traditionalism by referring to the link between Crowley and Evola, and specifically to the fact that the two had a common friend: Arturo Reghini, founder of the Ur Group, which also included Mircae Eliade and Maria de Naglowska.[1126]

In later life, Jean-Francois Thiriart, GRECE member and developer of the Third Position, worked closely with Dugin and moved towards National Bolshevism. Dugin also met with members of the Spanish Thule group, successor to the defunct neo-Nazi organization CEDADE, the neo-Nazi group founded in the 1960's by Spanish members of Thiriart's *Jeune Europe* and closely associated with Leon Degrelle.[1127] Dugin met members of the Thule Group and in 1991 published the Russian version of volume 1 of *Hiperbórea*,

which he entitled *Giperborea*.[1128] When Thiriart died in 1992, Dugin wrote a long obituary praising him as “the Last Hero of Europe.”[1129]

Order of the Nine Angles

Dugin was also connected to Kerry Bolton, a New Zealand writer, political activist and leading figure of an international Satanic Nazi underground.[1130] In 1978, Bolton joined the National Front of New Zealand (NZNF), an initiative of John Tyndall of the British National Front, formed in 1977. Following a quarrel with other members of the Temple of Set, Bolton founded the Order of the Left Hand Path (OLHP) in 1992, based around the ideas of Nietzsche, Jung, and Spengler.[1131] He later renamed the OLHP, the Black Order of Pan Europa. Being the international distributor for the Order of Nine Angles, Bolton had connections to other Neo-Nazi Satanist groups.

The close links between the National Renaissance Party (NRP) and the Temple of Set’s parent organization, the Church of Satan, cultivated an alliance that led the way for the recent emergence of a violent, international fringe network devoted to Nazi Satanic rituals, Nordic paganism, black magic, and occultism. In black metal music, Nazi ideas are packaged along with those of Nietzsche and mixed with the Satanic Black Mass, and Aleister Crowley’s magick. Influenced by Miguel Serrano, these groups advocate the anti-modern neo-tribalism and “Traditionalism” found in the “paganism” inspired by Julius Evola.

David Myatt, chief representative of this trend, and of Nazi Satanism in Great Britain, defends human sacrifice and praises a new wave of satanic black metal skinhead bands.[1132] At the age of sixteen, Myatt made contact with a coven and later joined secret groups in London practicing the magic of the Golden Dawn and Aleister Crowley. He joined the British Movement (BM), a member organization of WUNS. Later called the British National Socialist Movement (BNSM), BM was started by WUNS co-founder Colin Jordan, for whom Myatt became a bodyguard. Myatt was impressed by Jordan’s writings on National Socialism and was also introduced by Jordan to the writings of Savitri Devi. In *Vindex: The Destiny of the West*, following Francis Parker Yockey and Oswald Spengler,

Myatt denounces Marxist communism, Freudian psychoanalysis, the rise of the social sciences, the ugliness of modern art, atonal music, and the counterculture of the 1960s, which contradict the assertive Faustian ethos of the West, and which are all contributions of the Jews, "the last representatives of the decayed Magian soul."[1133]

Myatt was the first leader of the British National Socialist Movement (BNSM), and he was identified by *The Observer* as the "ideological heavyweight" behind Combat 18, a neo-Nazi organization associated with Blood and Honour, composed of white power skinheads.[1134] Combat 18's name is derived from the initials of Adolf Hitler, or A and H being the first and eighth letters of the alphabet. Myatt converted to Islam in 1998, and became a staunch advocate of "Jihad, suicide missions and killing Jews…" and also "an ardent defender of bin Laden."[1135] According to Myatt himself, in the autumn of 2010, he publicly "move[d] away from the Way of Al-Islam and back to my own weltanschauung which I have termed both The Numinous Way and The Philosophy of The Numen."[1136]

Under the pseudonym of "Anton Long," Myatt is believed to have founded the Order of the Nine Angles (ONA), a Satanic and Left-Hand Path occult group based in the United Kingdom, but with affiliated groups in various other parts of the world. Claiming to have been established in the 1960s, it arose to public recognition in the early 1980s, attracting attention for its espousal of Neo-Nazi ideologies and activism. ONA members practice magick in the tradition of the Golden Dawn and Crowley, and their writings condone and encourage human sacrifice. The ONA praise Nazi Germany as "a practical expression of Satanic spirit… a burst of Luciferian light—of zest and power—in an otherwise Nazarene, pacified, and boring world."[1137] Although the ONA is quite small, their main influence lies in its prolific release of written material. Jacob Senholt, who researched the group, expressed the view that it would be "potentially dangerous to ignore these fanatics, however limited their numbers might be."[1138]

In 1994, Bolton's OLHP was renamed the *Ordo Sinistra Vivendi* ("Order of the Left Way"). After a schism, it was renamed the Order of Deorc Fyre under the direction of Thorsten Moar, and in the same year Bolton created the Black Order of Pan Europa. The name was a

reference to the SS, and like many neo-Nazi organizations, it adopted the Black Sun motif from Wewelsburg Castle as its emblem.[1139] In 1995, the anti-fascist *Searchlight* organization, following an investigation, described the Black Order as part of a functioning international Occult-Fascist Axis.[1140] The name "Black Order" was then adopted by ideologically similar groups around the world, which had no formal connection to Bolton's group. Kaplan and Weinberg described the Black Order as "a remarkably influential purveyor of National Socialist-oriented occultism throughout the world."[1141]

National Anarchism

Bolton became associated with Troy Southgate, a self-described National-Anarchist affiliated with the International Third Position, and the *Front National* (FN), which he joined in 1984. Southgate had also been a traditionalist Catholic for many years, having joined Marcel Lefebvre's Society of St Pius X (SSPX).[1142] Southgate, who has a degree in theology and religious studies from Canterbury University, rejected Catholicism and moved towards neo-paganism and groups who are "very loyal to the Gods of the Northern Tradition," including the Odinic Rite, the Tribe of the Wulfings and the Asatru Alliance, a pagan movement concerned with practicing rituals and magic and led by Valguard (Mike) Murray, a former member of the American Nazi Party.

Southgate is the founder and editor-in-chief of Black Front Press, a publisher of neo-Nazi works, and follows the radical Traditionalism of Evola, particularly Evola's "spiritual racism." To Southgate, the ancient "Aryan" cult of Mithras is an expression of the "European spirituality, culture and identity." Southgate advocated a "tribal and organic" Indo-European "ethnic heritage," extending from Europe to Iran, Afghanistan, India and Tibet, which offered a racial defense against the "quagmire" of globalization and failing national borders. Added to this "spiritual racism" was Jung's concept of the "collective subconscious," which provided the NRF with further evidence of the existence of a "primeval Aryan psyche."[1143] In this respect Southgate admired Heinrich Himmler's activity at Wewelsburg Castle as "one of the most significant developments in

modern history," which had contributed to a "deeper" occult understanding of race.[1144]

Formed by Southgate in 1998, the National Revolutionary Faction (NRF) is a "national-anarchist" group, reflecting Southgate's increasingly occult and esoteric interest. In contrast to the International Third Position, the reactionary Catholic fascist organization from which it emerged, the NRF promotes a radical anti-capitalist and anti-Marxist "anarchist' agenda of autonomous rural communities within a decentralized, pan-European framework. The concept is derived from Southgate's interest in Hakim Bey (Peter Lamborn Wilson), who developed the notion of Temporary Autonomous Zones (TAZ).[1145] The NRF has attempted to move "beyond left and right," transcending the traditional limits of national-Bolshevism, to forge a seemingly incongruous synthesis of fascism and anarchism. The key to this seeming contradiction is the older paradigm drawn from the Conservative Revolution, the Anarch, a sovereign whose independence allows him to "turn in any direction," a concept that reached its fullest expression in Ernst Jünger's novel *Eumeswil*.[1146] In this respect "national-anarchism" synthesized all opposition against a single enemy: global liberal capitalism operating as a front for the "shadowy financiers" of the Trilateral Commission and the Bilderberg Group, and therefore "International Zionism."[1147]

Geopolitically, Southgate has shifted away from the older paradigms of Europe as a "third way," gravitating towards the esoteric National-Bolshevism advocated by Parvulesco and Dugin, and their pursuit of a "Paris-Berlin-Moscow" axis. Towards this Eurasian ideology, Southgate founded the Liaison Committee for Revolutionary Nationalism (LCRN) in early 1993 to unite the American Front, Canada's National Liberation Front and Kerry Bolton's National Destiny in New Zealand. In 1998 the LCRN merged with Christian Bouchet's European Liberation Front (ELF), which was inspired by Otto Strasser, Jean-François Thiriart and Francis Parker Yockey—after whose original organization the ELF was named.[1148] Southgate's LCRN was affiliated with Bolton's Black Order of Pan Europa. The Black Order later split with the North American faction and emerged, with Bolton's blessing, as the White Order of Thule (WOT), a formative influence on Southgate.[1149]

Black Metal

Along with like-minded musicians, Southgate sought to diffuse the ideals of Mithraic paganism and Nordic folk myths into music-orientated youth cultures. Southgate's movement has been described as working to:

> Through its print and online publications, the NRF seeks to utilize its unique ideological position to exploit a burgeoning counter culture of industrial heavy metal music, paganism, esotericism, occultism and Satanism that, it believes, holds the key to the spiritual reinvigoration of western society ready for an essentially Evolian revolt against the culturally and racially enervating forces of American global capitalism."[1150]

Kerry Bolton created and edited the Black Order newsletter, *The Flaming Sword*, which was succeeded by *The Nexus*, which later changed its name to *Western Destiny*. It covered the ideas of Savitri Devi, Julius Evola, and Ezra Pound, and particularly catered to the Black metal movement. *The Nexus*, subtitled the "Journal of the Kulturkampf, Realpolitik, Esoterrorism," featured in-depth interviews with Charles Manson, Michael Moynihan, David Myatt, Kadmon, Christian Bouchet, and Miguel Serrano. Moynihan, who was frequently identified as a fascist or neo-fascist by some critics and fans, is the founder of the music group Blood Axis, the music label Storm Records and the publishing company Dominion Press. Moynihan collaborated with New Age publishing house Inner Traditions in the publication of Evola's *Men Among the Ruins*.

After reading Nietzsche's *The Anti-Christ*, Moynihan became interested in Charles Manson and the Californian Church of Satan. Moynihan is the author of *Lords of Chaos: The Bloody Rise of the Satanic Metal Underground*, a non-fiction account of the early Norwegian black metal scene, with a focus on the string of church burnings and murders that occurred in the country around 1993. The book was published by Feral Press, which was founded by Adam Parfrey, who had befriended Anton LaVey and become inspired by his *Satanic Bible*. Parfrey rose to prominence in 1987 with his work

on so-called extreme sociology, *Apocalypse Culture*, a compendium of works on topics such as eugenics, Oswald Spengler, necrophilia, and self-castration. He eventually set up Feral House, which specialized in works on serial killers, conspiracy theories, and Satanism, including all five of LaVey's books.[1151]

Boyd Rice, a close friend of Anton LaVey and a former High Priest of the Church of Satan, has collaborated with Moynihan and Parfrey, as well as Tony Wakeford of *Sol Invictus*. Rice founded the Social Darwinist think-tank called the Abraxas Foundation—named after the ancient Gnostic demon—along with co-founder Nikolas Schreck, who married LaVey's daughter Zeena. Rice has documented the writings of Charles Manson in his role as contributing editor of Schreck's *The Manson File*, a thorough study of Manson's philosophy, music and spiritual ideas.

Another co-founder of the Abraxas Foundation was a protégée of H. Keith Thompson, Keith Stimely, who would later work with Parfrey.[1152] In June 1982, Stimely joined the editorial staff of *The Journal of Historical Review*, published by Willis Carto's Institute for Historical Review (IHR). During his lifetime, Stimely compiled a great deal of information about Francis Parker Yockey, some of which appeared in Kevin Coogan's detailed 1999 biography of Yockey, *Dreamer of the Day*. David McCalden, a British neo-Nazi, who served as the first executive director of IHR, had a falling-out with Carto and started to expose the organization in 1984. Rumors began circulating about a "gay Nazi cult" inside the IHR that allegedly included Stimely, who died of AIDS in 1992, as would McCalden a few years later.[1153]

Austrian industrial musician Kadmon (Gerhard Petak), who is named after the Kabbalistic name for Enoch, has attracted an English and German-speaking following through his tracts on themes of paganism, mysteries and fascism in the *Aorta* series. Topics have included Kenneth Anger's film *Lucifer Rising*, the Romanian fascist leader Corneliu Codreanu, the occult curiosity of the SS as represented by Otto Rahn's quest for the Holy Grail at Montségur, the ancient cult of Mithras, and Nazi mystic Karl-Maria Wiligut on matters of ancient Germanic paganism. Individual tracts have also

been devoted to Moynihan and Blood Axis. Kadmon's logo is also the Black Sun.

Moynihan is the editor of the journal *Tyr: Myth—Culture—Tradition*, named after Tyr, the Germanic god. *Tyr* espoused radical Traditionalism, as developed by Julius Evola, Alain de Benoist, Guillame Faye and Francis Parker Yockey. It incorporates several right-wing ideologies such as paleoconservatism, third positionism, social Darwinism, Perennial Traditionalism, and a sentimentalism for the Middle Ages and the pre-Christian classical era, as well as a few typically left-wing tendencies, such as anti-capitalism, radical environmentalism, and primitivism. This involves the complete rejection of modernity in all its forms: from industrialized society, and degenerate lifestyles, to all forms of egalitarianism, and democracy. To some of these thinkers, this would mean the revival of full social Darwinism and the adoption of the Nietzschean virtues of heroism, strength, and hierarchy, a subject often touched upon by Jonathan Bowden.[1154] *Tyr* contributors include Asatru Folk Assembly founder Stephen McNallen, Alain de Benoist, French comparative philologist Georges Dumézil—best known for his analysis of Proto-Indo-European religion and society—British musicologist and translator Joscelyn Godwin, and Stephen Flowers.

In 2001, Moynihan co-authored *The Secret King: The Myth and Reality of Nazi Occultism* with Flowers, an American Runologist and proponent of occultism and Germanic mysticism. Flowers advocates "Esoteric Runology" or "Odianism," an occultist version of Germanic Neopaganism. Flowers joined the Church of Satan, and later served as Grand Master of the Order of the Trapezoid with the Temple of Set. Flowers has also had contact with the Armanen-Orden, which was founded as a revival of the Ariosophical Guido von List Society. Flowers also translated Alain de Benoist's *On Being a Pagan*.

Frater Marcion

On June 24, 1991, Bouchet, a.k.a. Frater Marcion, was granted a Memphis-Misraim Charter by Michael Bertiaux' representative for Spain and Portugal, Manuel Cabrera Lamparter. Frater Marcion

claimed there were two branches of Freemasonry, which may explain the rite of Memphis-Misraim's association with Gladio:

> There exist two main branches of Masonry in the world. One of them, Memphis-Misraim, is revolutionary. It aims to change the world, in whatever condition it may be. The other branch, regular Masonry, which includes the Scottish Rite, is concerned with the organization and governing of the world. The "Scots" strive to place their members at the center of the governing system. Memphis-Misraim was always in contact with revolutionary movements: with Garibaldi, Trotsky, Italian Fascists, the Red Brigades. It's characteristic that Crowley was a member of both Memphis-Misraim and the Irish Republican Army.[1155]

Bouchet expounded on the close connection between Nazism and secret societies, and alleged that everything "that was said about what had been happening in Nazi concentration camps was a tremendous overestimation" and promised his audience—referring to his recent visit with Dugin—that "they would see the outcomes of my visit to Russia by themselves in the nearest future."[1156] Bouchet is mainly known in his home country, not for his interest in Crowley and the occult, but for his opposition to Zionism, and intimate friendship with Islamic fundamentalists from Iran and Libya. In 1991, Bouchet founded the National Bolshvevik organization *Nouvelle Résistance*, which succeeded to the *La Troisième Voie*, or "Third Position," and Thiriart's *Jeune Europe*. When the leaders of *La Troisième Voie* attempted a rapprochement with the National Front, Bouchet founded the radical anti-American splinter group *Nouvelle Résistance*, and the European Liberation Front, which revives the ideas of Francis Parker Yockey for a fascist continental bloc.

Bouchet claimed to be head of the OTO in France. Coming from a far-right family with monarchist and OAS links, in 1970 Bouchet became a member of the monarchist group *Restauration nationale*, and in 1971 a member of a splinter group, *Nouvelle Action française*, called in France a "Mao-Maurrassien" group, because of their dependence on the thought of Mao and Charles Maurras. Christian

Bouchet completed a PhD in ethnology from Paris Diderot University, with a dissertation on Aleister Crowley, and wrote a number of books about extremist engagement in politics and religion.

Bouchet is also deeply involved in magic, fringe Masonry and Gnosticism. Through reading Julius Evola, he discovered Aleister Crowley and the Western Tantrism of the Ordo Templi Orientis. He publishes an esoteric journal *Thelema*, while his imprint carries titles by Maria de Naglowska, Aleister Crowley, Jack Parsons, Frater Achad and Austin Osman Spare.[1157] Bouchet had published journals like *Lutte de Peuple* and *Résistance*, which focused on ultra-nationalist and anti-Zionist themes. In the original edition of his book *Hitler's Priestess*, Nicholas Goodrick-Clarke wrote that Bouchet has been associated with Nazi mysticism and that, whilst spending a year in India, he met with Savitri Devi to study Kali Yuga and her ideas about Adolf Hitler as an Avatar.[1158]

Bouchet owned the publishing house *Ars magna* and *Avatar* which published volumes of Savitri Devi, Jean-François Thiriart, Francis Parker Yockey, Gabriele d'Annunzio and Alexander Dugin—through whose influence his movement came to advocate National Bolshevism and then Eurasianism. In September 1998, Southgate's LCRN merged with Bouchet's *Front européen de libération* (FEL) under the aegis of the Front National's annual Red-White-Blue festival. The FEL was inspired by an organization by the same name founded from Francis Parker Yockey, when he split from Oswald Mosley's British Union Movement in 1948 and was inspired by Otto Strasser. In 1993, Jean Francois Thiriart led a FEL delegation to Moscow for talks with Aleksandr Dugin.[1159]

Bouchet's second-in-command of his OTO was André-Yves Beck, a member of Jean-Marie Le Pen's *Front National*'s Central Committee, as well as *Troisième Voie* and *Nouvelle Résistance*. Beck also became the chief of cabinet for Robert Ménard, who was elected mayor of Béziers in 2014 with support from the National Front, Republic Arise and the Movement for France. Ménard is also co-founder of the organization Reporters Without Borders (RSF), where he served as the general secretary from 1985 to 2008.

After declaring to have broken with his former activism, Bouchet supported the candidacy of Jean-Marie Le Pen in the presidential

election of 2007. He officially joined the FN in 2008, and was appointed to the position of Deputy Departmental Secretary of the *FN de Loire-Atlantique*. He obtained the nomination of the FN to be candidate in the legislative elections of 2012 in the third constituency of Loire-Atlantique, placing third. He ran in the municipal election in Nantes in 2014, coming in fourth, and in 2015 in the regional elections in Pays de la Loire, where he came in fifth.

17. Sacred Geopolitics

End Times

Following on the tradition of the "Polaires Brotherhood" and "Red Shambhala," Dugin has shaped Russian foreign policy according to his millenarian and Kabbalistic fantasy of fulfilling the End Times prophecies, by consciously advancing a diametrical version of the neoconservatives' Clash of Civilizations, the most modern adaptation of the Hegelian Dialectic. Dugin's counter-agenda to the neoconservative Clash of Civilizations is a dialectic that pits the denizens of Atlantis against those of Hyperborea. Jafe Arnold has demonstrated that one of the most central sources to be found in Dugin's early publications is Herman Wirth, who co-founded the *Ahnenerbe* with Himmler in 1935, and who was Evola's main source for his Hyperborean hypothesis.[1160] Wirth, Guénon, and Evola were all inspired in their Hyperborean speculations of Bal Gangadhar Tilak's immensely influential 1903 work *The Arctic Home in the Vedas*.

In addition to the Nazi occultism inspired by the *Morning of the Magicians*, Evola was is inspired by Guénon vision of a conspiracy of "counter-initiatic" forces, wherein he accused Aleister Crowley of having staged his suicide in order to become a "secret advisor" to Hitler.[1161] Guénon consistently insisted the Primordial Tradition "to be Nordic, and even more exactly to be polar, since this is expressly affirmed in the Veda as well as in other sacred books."[1162] However, Guénon repeatedly insisted that Hyperborea and the "Hyperborean tradition" should not be conflated with Atlantis and the "Atlantean Tradition," which he considered representative of the "counter-initiatic" doctrines.[1163] Evola also followed Guénon in arguing for precedence for Hyperborea, and specifically associated the Nordic Tradition with the "traditional civilizations of the Indo-European area," which occupied a central position in Evola's narratives on "spiritual racialism."[1164]

These ideas inspired Dugin to imagine a confrontation between the democratic and liberal West, or the "Order of Atlantis," against the "Order of Eurasia," as spanning across centuries and millennia, and as the main underlying "conspirological" factor of history. However, as Dugin notes, this confrontation should not be over-simplified as merely a struggle between "good" and "evil." Rather, they are two aspects of a dualist struggle that is necessary for the unfolding of history. Therefore, explains Dugin:

> …strictly speaking, claiming that Eurasia is good and Atlantis is bad, or that Rome is good while Carthage is evil, and vice versa, is impossible. Everyone called by their Order must take a decisive step and serve precisely their Order. The laws of our world are not determined, but depend on the outcome of the Great Battle, the outcome of the drama of "Eurasia versus the Atlantic," and depend on the totality of planetary solidarity on the part of all of those called to service, all of the soldiers of geopolitics, and all of the secret agents of Land and Sea. The outcome of this cosmological war of Apollon with the Python depends on each of us, whether we are aware of it or not.[1165]

According to Dugin, we cannot choose the "right" side of the eschatological struggle. Each flank is destined to play their respective role. Because, as Dugin notes, as concerns the Final Times, it is said that "even the chosen will be seduced." Dugin concludes:

> Yes, our enemies have their own truth. Yes, we should respect their deep metaphysical choice… But in doing so we should not lose our resoluteness, our rage, our cold and passionate Cruelty. We will be forgiving only when our Continent will be free… Judging by certain signs, "the Time is at hand." The *Endkampf*, the Final Battle, should burst here and now. Are you ready, gentlemen of the "Polar Order"? Are you ready, soldiers of Eurasia? Are you ready, wise strategists of the GRU? Are you ready, great peoples, having made your bet by the very fact of your birth?[1166]

To Dugin, we are now living in the *Endkampf*, the German word for "battle of the end," recognized by numerous faiths around the world. Since 1962, devout Jews in Israel have lived in a special "End time," in the "time of the Messiah." America is striving to establish a New World Order. Muslims are expecting the Mahdi. The Hindus are expecting the world to further decline as the Kali-Yuga, or Age of Darkness, progresses. The racist messianism of the world's neo-Nazis are experiencing a revival. Catholics await the Last Pope (*Flos Florum*) and the Orthodox the Last Patriarch. Buddhists believe the modern Dalai Lama is their last. China is transfixed in mystical expectation. And, the Soviet Union collapsed suddenly and unexpectedly.[1167]

Dugin's intended goal is nothing less than helping to bring about the End of the World, which is dependent, he believes, on the implementation of his ideology. As Dugin proclaimed in his recent book, *The Fourth Political Theory*:

> The end times and the eschatological meaning of politics will not realise themselves on their own. We will wait for the end in vain. The end will never come if we wait for it, and it will never come if we do not. This is essential because history, time, and reality have special strategies to avoid Judgment Day, or rather, they have a special strategy of a reversionary manoeuvre that will create the impression that everyone has come to a realisation and an understanding. This is the huge arsenal of Heidegger's *noch nicht*, or eternal 'not yet…' If the Fourth Political Practice is not able to realise the end of times, then it would be invalid. The end of days should come; but it will not come by itself. This is a task, it is not a certainty. It is active metaphysics. It is a practice.[1168]

Dugin has developed an "eschatological ecclesiology" expounded in his book, *Absoliutnaia Rodina* ("The Absolute Homeland"), which takes an opposite view of the role of Gog and Magog, and presents an interpretation of history diametrically opposed to the American Evangelicals and their supposed alliance with Western liberalism. Ultimately, the Clash of Civilizations is an

apocalyptic scenario, interpreted as a showdown between the forces of light, represented by Western democracy, against the forces of darkness, represented by Islam in alliance with Russia, characterized as Gog and Magog. In the early nineteenth century, some rabbis of Hasidism, a Jewish sect that also derived from Sabbateanism, identified Napoleon's invasion of Russia as "The War of Gog and Magog."[1169] However, as the century progressed, apocalyptic expectations waned as Europe began to adopt an increasingly secular worldview. This was not the case in the United States, where a 2002 poll indicated that 59% of Americans believed the events predicted in the *Book of Revelation* would come to pass.[1170]

Ezekiel 38:2–3, 39:1 mentions, "Son of man, set your face toward Gog, the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy concerning him." Rosh, "Ros," "RwV" in the Greek of the Greek Old Testament, the Septuagint, is the ancient name for Russia. During the Cold War the idea that Russia had the role of Gog gained popularity, since Ezekiel's words describing him as "prince of Meshek" sounded suspiciously like Russia and Moscow.[1171] Even some Russians took up the idea, apparently undisturbed by the implications, as did Ronald Reagan.[1172] Millenarians during the post Cold War era still identify Gog with Russia, but they now tend to stress its allies among Islamic nations, especially Iran.[1173]

Similar expectations were expressed by George W. Bush. In the lead-up to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, Bush told French president Jacques Chirac, "Gog and Magog are at work in the Middle East." In what sounded like a conflation of New Age and Evangelical teachings, he urged the French leader, "This confrontation is willed by God, who wants to use this conflict to erase His people's enemies before a new age begins."[1174] Chirac consulted a professor at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Lausanne to explain Bush's reference.[1175] Chirac wondered, "how someone could be so superficial and fanatical in their beliefs."[1176] In that same year, Bush is also said to have told the Palestinian minister of affairs that with his invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, he was on a divine mission and had received orders from God himself.[1177]

Conspirology

Dugin's End Times expectations were derived from his mentor, Jean Parvulesco, who expanded on Saint-Yves d'Alveydre's synarchist concept of a united Europe to build his prophecy for Eurasia. According to Dugin, "The Order of Eurasia is the complete Conservative Revolution, the Great Revival of geopolitical consciousness."[1178] Combined with the ideas of Parvulesco, Dugin revived the geopolitics of Mackinder, Haushofer and Carl Schmitt to produce a Eurasian agenda as a new justification for the age-old aspirations of Russian imperialism. Calling it "conspirology," derived from Parvulesco, Dugin dismisses the typical notion of a "Judeo-Masonic" conspiracy, in favor of an interpretation of political history involving a "geopolitical conspiracy" that pits an Atlantic Order against the Eurasian Order. According to Dugin, as an Englishman, Mackinder was an "Atlanticist," and acknowledged the danger of a Eurasian union and urged the government of England to prevent such an alliance.

This distinction was further developed from Carl Schmitt's Kabbalistic land/sea dichotomy to elaborate his own interpretation of geopolitical history. In modern times, the epitome of "land" power is Russia, along with the Central European Austro-Hungarian and German empires. The West is identified with Atlanticism and opposes Eurasianism. "The Eurasian orientation in character," according to Dugin, "is primarily pronounced in Russia and Germany, the two most powerful continental powers whose geopolitical, economic, and, most importantly, deep ideological interests are fully opposed to the interests of England and the USA, that is, the Atlanticists."[1179] As Dugin eerily summarized:

> Order of Eurasia against Order of Atlantic (Atlantides).
> Eternal Rome against Eternal Carthago.
> Occult punic war invisibly continuing during millennia.
> Planetary conspiracy of Land against the Sea, Earth against Water, Authoritarianism and Idea against Democracy and Matter.[1180]

Dugin's core idea is that the "liberalism" of the West represents an assault on the traditional hierarchical organization of the world. The first principles of the Eurasian geopolitics, Dugin reports, were formulated by the Russian anti-communist White émigré community connected to the Aufbau and Karl Haushofer, who insisted on the necessity of the Eurasian geopolitical alliance of Russia, Germany and Japan as a counterweight to the "Atlantist" policies that opposed them.[1181] Repeating the ideas of Nazi theorists Haushofer, Rudolf Hess, Carl Schmitt, and Arthur Moeller van den Bruck, Dugin claims that this liberal threat is the ideology of the maritime-cosmopolitan power "Atlantis," which has conspired to subvert more conservative land-based societies since ancient times.

Dugin adapted his interpretation to the traditional synarchist dichotomy between Hyperborea and Atlantis. Guénon wrote of a great Hyperborean culture that flourished around the Arctic Circle and of its outposts Shambhala in the East and Atlantis in the West. According to occult tradition, Atlantis came to an end after a lengthy period of chaos and disaster brought about, in the words of Madame Blavatsky, because the "Atlantis-race became a nation of wicked magicians." Atlantis was supposedly destroyed by a conspiracy of evil magicians who had seized control of the mighty continent.[1182]

Dugin believes that Hyperborea was home to a pure Aryan or Hyperborean race, the ancestors of today's Russians. The Hyperboreans were in touch with a transcendent spiritual reality. Later they migrated south through Eurasia, where they established great civilizations but also lost their original racial purity and spiritual powers. The Aryans are set against the more primitive and earthbound dark-skinned people of the tropical south. [1183] According to Dugin:

> It is interesting that Saint Yves d'Alveydre, who in fact married the Russian occultist Countess Kelley, played a major role in popularizing the subject of Aghartha, the mystical underground of the country also identified as Shambhala or the center of the world. The symbolism of Aghartha, as René Guénon showed in his book The King of the World, has the same polar symbolism as the axial mountain. Consequently,

> Aghartha is directly related to Hyperborea and the respective sacred legitimization of the geopolitical mission of Russia in integrating Eurasia.[1184]

As explained by Mehmet Sabeheddin, long before the final end of Atlantis, great migrations took place to different centers of the earth. According to one legend, a righteous remnant journeying from the Arctic Circle to Shambhala, in the remote regions of Central Asia. Other legends suggest Atlantean survivors established the ancient Egyptian civilization. Occult lore speaks of Shambhala as the positive center of the "Brotherhood of Light", and Atlantis as the negative center of the evil magicians, the "Brothers of the Shadow." Wherever we look we see the division of secret societies and occult endeavors into these two opposing 'Orders'. All occult movements and teachings inevitably serve either the "Order of Eurasia" or the "Order of Atlantism," with their respective symbolic centers of Shambhala and Atlantis.[1185]

According to Dugin, in the planetary "conspiracy," the secret confrontation and invisible struggle between these two opposing "occult" forces has predetermined the course of world history. These forces are represented by "land" and "sea." In ancient history, the "sea" power of Phoenicia (Carthage) became the historic symbol of "sea civilization" as a whole. The land empire opposing Carthage was Rome. The Punic Wars were therefore an expression of the confrontation between "sea civilization" and "land civilization."

In more recent times, England became the "island" and "sea" empire, the "mistress of the seas," succeeded by the giant island-continent of America. The Phoenician-Anglo-Saxon geopolitical type generated a special "trade-capitalist-market" model of civilization based on economic and material interests and the principles of economic liberalism. Contrary to the Phoenician model, Rome serves as a model of military-authoritarian structure based on administrative control, civil religiosity, and on the primacy of "politics over economics."[1186]

Red Army

Parvulesco argued that across Europe there were clandestine geopolitical groups laying the groundwork for the Eurasian agenda.[1187] Gladio operative Claudio Mutti, a friend of Dugin, believed Parvulesco's account confirmed rumors reported by "dissident" Soviets about the existence of a pro-Eurasian movement working secretly inside the Red Army.[1188] Dugin claims to have been introduced by Parvulesco to secret documents that purportedly revealed a Eurasianist conspiracy inside the GRU.[1189] Much as some conspiracy theorists have claimed that the CIA and various secret societies like Skull & Bones are the real powers behind American politics, Parvulesco claims the situation in the Soviet Union was similar. Secret powerbrokers are now supposedly stepping out into the open to take the course of Russian politics in the direction they have been trying to steer it from behind the scenes for many decades.[1190]

On February 24, 1989, in Lausanne, before the members of the administrative council of the Institute for Special Metastrategical Studies 'Atlantis,' Parvulesco supposedly presented a report under the title "The GRU Galaxy," and subtitled "The confidential mission of Mikhail Gorbachev, the USSR and the future of the great Eurasian Continent." In support of his assertions, Parvulesco made reference to an expert on Soviet special services, the French right-wing counterintelligence officer, Pierre de Villemarest, who in 1988 released the bestseller *The GRU: the Most Secret of Soviet Special Services, 1918-1988* in France. From 1945 to 1950, Villemarest was a member of the SDECE and GRECE. He was imprisoned during the Algerian War for his participation in the OAS. He married Daniele Martin, the daughter of Dr. Henri Martin, co-founder of the Cagoule and later member of the OAS.[1191]

According to Parvulesco, a Eurasian Order was especially active in Russia in the beginning of the twentieth century, and among its representatives were the "Red Shambhala" synarchists Piotr Badmaev and Baron von Ungern-Sternberg, and many other less-known participants. This group of Russian geopolitical mystics infiltrated the army in order to reform the Bolsheviks, and to create the "Great Continental Power" by using the communists.[1192] Parvulesco also highlighted the role of Mikhail Tukhachevsky, a

driving force behind Soviet development of the theory of deep operations, nicknamed the Red Napoleon.[1193] Soviet authorities accused Tukhachevsky of treason, and after confessing he was executed in 1937 during Stalin's Great Purge.

In his 1968 book *The Great Terror*, British historian Robert Conquest accuses Nazi Party leaders Heinrich Himmler and Reinhard Heydrich of forging documents that implicated Tukhachevsky in an anti-Stalinist conspiracy with the Wehrmacht General Staff, to weaken the Soviet Union's defence capacity. According to Parvulesco, Tukhachevsky had been initiated to the Brotherhood of the Polaires during his stay in the German detention camp of Ingolstadt in 1915. It was at that time that Tukhachevsky met General de Gaulle, Monsignor Eugenio Pacelli (the future Pope Pius XII), and the Aufbau's German General von Ludendorff.[1194] De Gaulle reported that during their time together, Tukhachevsky shared his nihilist beliefs and spoke against Jews, whom he called dogs who "spread their fleas throughout the world."[1195]

The Eurasian Order moved into the Bolshevik regime, and the GRU in particular, to create a Great Continental Power by using the Messianic ideas of the communists.[1196] At some point by the beginning of the 1930's, the GRU's network of agents in Europe, especially in Germany, deeply penetrated the German and French intelligence services. Thus, in Germany the GRU came into contact with Walter Nicolai, the chief of the Research Department of the Jewish Question, and a friend of Leon Trotsky. Through Nicolai, the GRU had access to the highest leadership of the Abwehr, the SS, and SD.

The central figure of this network was Martin Bormann, a friend of Walter Nicolai and Joachim von Ribbentrop, who signed the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact, a non-aggression agreement between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, ratified in Moscow on August 23, 1939. Parvulesco reports that Arno Breker told him personally that on the occasion of Germany's attack on the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941, Bormann came to him unexpected and in a state of shock, and repeated a phrase, referring to the philosophy of Heidegger over and over again: "On this June day, Oblivion won a victory over Being… Everything is over… All is lost…"[1197] As

Hitler's attack was perceived as part of the Atlanticist conspiracy, the Eurasian Order did everything in its power to stop it. According to Dugin and Parvulesco, the White Russian conspirators, who maintained ties with the elites of the Nazi Party, aligned with the GRU in Russia to advance the Eurasianist cause against the KGB, who were a tool of the Atlanticist conspiracy.[1198]

They had been looking for the opportunity to resurface since the years 1948-1952, with their first attempts to assert their own political power. Since then, an immanent national-revolutionary doctrine of the Red Army of the Soviet Union, became more and more decisive during the 1960s, when Brezhnev and subsequently Andropov, advanced their geopolitical theses. [1199]

Two prominent military figures are considered to have been the leading representatives of the geopolitical doctrine of the "New Russia" of the Soviet Armed Forces: the former head of the GRU and subsequently of the General Staff, as well as later commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact forces, the General Colonel S.M. Shtemenko, and Marshal N.V. Ogarkov. With Shtemenko, the GRU was completely restored to its "Polaire" occult traditions, first introduced into the structure of GRU by its founder Simon Aralov. [1200]

The dismissal of Khrushev, an agent of the Atlanticist conspiracy, was the work of the Order of Eurasia, who then began to recover their positions under Leonid Brezhnev. [1201] But the greatest triumph of the Army and GRU was in 1977, when the new Brezhnevian constitution founded the "Security Council," becoming a self-supporting and formally independent legal and political force. "It was a victory of the Army over KGB. It was a victory of Eurasia," explained Dugin.[1202] The huge concentration of power in the hands of the Eurasianist military after 1977 threatened the Atlantists. According to Pierre de Villemarest and Jean Parvulesco, the Soviet-Afghan War was inspired by the KGB to discredit the Army and to provoke the Atlantic interference in the internal political situation on the part of the United States.[1203]

Ogarkov carried on the activity of the "Polaire" Order within the Army to the middle of the '80s. It was as Chief of the General Staff of the Soviet Armed Forces that Ogarkov had attempted, and nearly

succeeded in, a complete takeover of the USSR's political leadership, having ultimately failed because of the counter-conspiracy which would bring to power, through the General Secretariat of the Communist Party, "double agent" Mikhail Gorbachev, who would finally contribute to the irreversible political implosion of the former Soviet Union. [1204]

Paris-Berlin-Moscow Axis

Jean-Francois Thiriart was obsessed with the idea of creating a Euro-Soviet empire from Vladivostok to Dublin, in order to liberate Europe from American influence. Thiriart believed his "Empire" was only possible through the participation of the Soviet Union, which would join Europe and make it European again. With the demise of the Soviet Union, Thiriart was optimistic that post-Soviet Russia could serve as a "liberator" of Europe. Parvulesco was also inspired by his friend Raymond Abellio, who wanted to create a type of Eurasian Empire spanning from the Atlantic to Japan.[1205] As outlined in the "Eurasian Imperial Pact," a secret document of the Eurasian Order quoted by Parvulesco, the fulfillment of the Great Catholic Empire, the *Imperium Ultimum*, of the *Regnum Sanctum*, would involve three operational stages.[1206] The first of these involves the creation of the Paris-Berlin-Moscow axis, the future major continental European imperial pole. The second stage would be constituted by the total politico-historical integration of Western and Eastern Europe, Russia and Great Siberia, India and Japan. The third stage will include—after the destruction of the globalist democratic conspiracy led by the "United States Planetary Superpower," following a continental civil war that will be a repeat of the Civil War—the merger of South America and North America. South America, under the revolutionary impulse of Argentina and Chile, will have already been able to achieve its own continental integration, to support, politically and strategically, the South's effort in the Second Civil War.[1207] According to Parvulesco, eerily predicting the rise of Donald Trump, as summarized by Philip Coppens:

> The extreme dissatisfaction within the United States, the extreme disparity between the archconservative religious community and the more liberal, means that being elected as president on a genuine agenda (rather than one of total style but no substance) is almost impossible. For Parvulesco, it will be primarily America's Catholic, ex-European community that will lead America towards its new destiny – and cause the demise of the current "global conspiracy." There will be a new Europe, but also a new America.[1208]

"At the basis of the geopolitical construction of this [Eurasian] Empire," Dugin writes, "there must be placed one fundamental principle – the principle of 'a common enemy'": the United States. Following Parvulesco, Dugin's program focuses upon the formation of three key "axes": Moscow-Berlin, Moscow-Tokyo, and Moscow-Tehran. With regard to the future of Europe, Dugin writes: "The task of Moscow is to tear Europe away from the control of the U.S. (NATO), to assist European unification, and to strengthen ties with Central Europe under the aegis of the fundamental external axis Moscow-Berlin."[1209] Dugin proposes that Germany be offered de facto political dominance over most Protestant and Catholic states located within Central and Eastern Europe.[1210]

Dugin's Eurasian project also mandates that the United States be attacked through Central and South America, "with the goal of freeing them from the control of the North…"[1211] In a section entitled "The Fall of China," Dugin warns: "China is the most dangerous geopolitical neighbor of Russia to the South," and maintains that the country must be dismantled.[1212] As "geopolitical compensation" for the loss of its northern regions, China, Dugin recommends, should be offered development "in a southern direction —Indochina (except Vietnam), the Philippines, Indonesia, Australia."[1213] Dugin insists that Russia's relations with Japan, Iran, and India were more vital and significant than those with China. The focal point of a Moscow-Tehran axis is "the idea of a continental Russian-Islamic alliance," he writes, that "lies at the foundation of anti-Atlanticist strategy… [T]his alliance is based on the traditional character of Russian and Islamic civilization…"[1214]

Dugin pays considerable attention to “the American idea,” and analyses it into two components: *liberalism,* whose essence is *individualism,* and *Protestant messianism* or *eschatologism*, as exemplified in the dispensationalism of Cyrus Scofield, Hal Lindsey and Jerry Falwell.[1215] Dugin reverses the identity of Gog and Magog, identifying them instead with America. According to Dugin, “The Anglo-Saxons consider themselves to be the ‘descendants of the ten tribes of Israel who did not return to Judea from Babylonian captivity.’ These ten tribes ‘recalled their origins and adopted Protestantism as their main confession.’”[1216] As Dugin adds, the dispensationalists believe that before the End Times, the forces of evil and the “Evil Empire”—what Reagan called Russia, and whose main villain is King Gog—will attack the Protestant Anglo-Saxons. Thus, concludes Dugin, “we are dealing with a consistent and ‘rationalized’ doctrinal demonization of Eastern European civilization in all of its aspects – historical, cultural, theological, geopolitical, ethical, social, economic, etc.”[1217]

Dugin divides Church history into three phases: the pre-Constantinian phase, the Byzantine phase to the Fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks in 1453—which according to him is the “thousand-year reign of Christ” mentioned in Revelation 20—and the modern, post-Byzantine phase. In essence, the third, contemporary phase of Church history, as coming after the “thousand-year reign of Christ,” is the reign of the Antichrist: America and the West.

18. Third Secret of Fatima

Eurasian Empire of the End Times

Inspired by his mentors Jean Parvulesco and Raymond Abellio, Dugin's plan for accelerating the End Times expands on the Priory of Sion aspirations of the reign of Nostradamus' Grand Monarch, to be fulfilled with the "Consecration of Russia" prophesied in the Third Secret of Fatima. Dugin is now the most prominent exponent of the renewed call for the establishment of a Third Rome as a pretext for reviving Russian hegemony in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, in a new imperial dream known as the Eurasian Union. As to the identity of the coming Katechon, Dugin has no doubts that it is the Roman Empire, the Third Rome, a role to be fulfilled by Russia. Ultimately, explains Dugin: "The meaning of Russia is that through the Russian people will be realized the last thought of God, the thought of the End of the World… Death is the way to immortality. Love will begin when the world ends. We must long for it, like true Christians… We are uprooting the accursed Tree of Knowledge. With it will perish the Universe."[1218]

Throughout Europe, explains Parvulesco, geopolitical "groups" working underground for the cause of a new Eurasian Empire of the End Times, have been on the lookout for this imminent end, heralded by the appearance of this "man of providence," the new "absolute concept." This announced change can be found, according to Parvulesco, in a recent document from this vast underground political movement, titled "Eurasian Imperial Pact," which stated:

> It is from the confrontation of our imperial and catholic doctrines with the current political reality, which it directly challenges revolutionarily, from which will result dialectically, the final emergence of the Great Catholic Empire, constituting our ultimate objective, the *Imperium Ultimum*, of the *Regnum Sanctum*…[1219]

And, according to Parvulesco, just as the occult mysteries of Divine Providence ordained the sudden collapse of communism, so the globalist conspiracy to impose its doctrine of the so-called democratic "political correctness" is due for its own destruction. Parvulesco declared, "now the democratic history of Europe is dead."[1220] In 1976, Parvulesco had published *La ligne géopolitique de l'URSS et le 'projet océanique fondamental' de l'Amiral G.S. Gorchkov* ("The geopolitical line of the USSR and the 'fundamental ocean project' of Admiral G.S. Gorchkov"), in which he predicted that the Soviet Union would eventually prevail over the other camp and end up changing the course of history. As Parvulesco predicted, the camp that would prevail would be, "The one who will reveal, within it, the will of destiny of the providential man, who will be, also, the man of the last battle. When will he come, that one? Ineluctably, at the scheduled time."[1221]

Vladimir Putin, according to Parvulesco, is first and foremost the direct emanation of the permanent revolutionary secret councils of the Red Army, represented by the GRU.[1222] According to Parvulesco, Putin—as the new supreme ruler of the "New Russia"—is this "absolute concept," the "providential man," who will help bring about this *Totale Weltrevolution* which is being secretly expected as the "polaire affirmation of the end."[1223] According to Parvulesco, Putin is an heir to the revolutionary Eurasian Order within the GRU. It represents, explained Parvulesco:

> The immediately operational thesis of total mobilization, of the "revolutionary mobilization" of Russia's politico-administrative, social, cultural and even religious structures, towards a supra-historical "grand design," constituting the central core of the immanent revolutionary doctrine of the Russian Armed Forces of yesteryear and today, thus rediscovering the superactivating principles of the original Russian Empire, according to its missionary identity, "Roman, imperial," from its early beginnings in arms, following its "abyssal, occult," "polaires" identity. [1224]

Parvulesco wrote *Putin and the Eurasian Empire*, in which he states that "Vladimir Putin is a man of destiny." In the last part of the book, where Dugin was interviewed, he stated: "The political battle for Putin is the battle for the meaning of history."[1225] Speaking to the Political Council of Evraziia in 2001, Dugin insisted that "true Eurasianism can only be achieved via Putin."[1226] Dugin declared in 2007, "There are no more opponents of Putin's course and, if there are, they are mentally ill and need to be sent off for clinical examination. Putin is everywhere, Putin is everything, Putin is absolute, and Putin is indispensable."[1227] When Putin had declared publicly, in November 2000, "Russia has always perceived of itself as a Eurasian country,"[1228] Dugin termed this statement "an epochal, grandiose revolutionary admission, which, in general, changes everything. The prophecy of Jean Parvulesco has come to pass… There will be a Eurasian millennium."[1229] According to Dugin:

> I think we underestimate the revolutionary potential of Vladimir Putin. Not as a personality, but as a historic figure, predetermined by time and place. He was appointed acting President of Russia on the day indicated by Nostradamus as the time of the coming of the 'great King of Terror.' Putin is a portent, and the extraction of his portent from out of his political and psychological particulars is a matter of the most sophisticated theurgical surgery.[1230]

According to Parvulesco, "the great eschatological mission of the 'New Russia' must be, in the final analysis, a religious mission."[1231] For now, the efforts of the "geopolitical groups" must be exerted towards the establishment of a Paris-Berlin-Moscow axis. However, explained Parvulesco, if it is because of Russia that Greater Europe is now both Catholic and Orthodox, it will be necessary to hasten the reconciliation and reintegration of the two religions. Parvulesco added, "What now seems impossible, a transcendental will accomplish it, supported by certain occult centers at that task, and by its holiness."[1232]

According to Parvulesco, “New Russia” owes the inconceivable miracle of its sudden liberation from communism, “as if by magic,” to the fact that, in communion with all the bishops of the world, Pope John Paul II had consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, fulfilling the promise made by the Virgin Mary to Sister Lucia in Fatima, in 1917, the same year that Russia succumbed to the Bolsheviks.[1233]

Parvulesco also adapted a prophecy of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who during World War II, volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the German death camp of Auschwitz, located in German-occupied Poland. According to the prophecy, in order for the “New Russia” to achieve her destiny, it would be necessary that the Red Star on the top of the Kremlin by replaced by a votive statue of the Virgin Mary, heralding symbol of *Regnum Mariae*. “It is only a symbol,” explained Parvulesco, “but it is undoubtedly of this symbol that the future eschatology of Russia and the imperial ensemble of the Eurasian Great Continent depend entirely. That, I do not know if Vladimir Putin knows. But it will be necessary to let him know.”[1234]

Stephan Chalandon and Philip Coppens, writing in the *Occidental Quarterly*, published by Henry Regnery’s nephew, William Regnery II, detail what connects Raymond Abellio and Parvulesco’s synarchism, the Three Secrets of Fatima, and their own vision for the future of Russia. Coppens is a Belgian author who focused on areas of fringe science and alternative history and connections between UFO cults and the extreme right. Coppens has been featured on *Nexus*, *Atlantis Rising*, and *New Dawn* magazines and appeared on many episodes of the History Channel’s *Ancient Aliens* series. He served as the primary researcher for *The Stargate Conspiracy*, by Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince, a book about the CIA’s remote-viewing program Project Stargate.[1235] Picknett and Prince are also authors of *The Turin Shroud*, *The Templar Revelation*, and *The Sion Revelation*, the last of which explores the connections of the Priory of Sion mythos and synarchism.

According to Parvulesco, the New Europe is to be ruled by a priest-king, based on the synarchist belief that in ancient times such rulers were primarily mediators who gained guidance from the spirit world. Parvulesco asserts that “the beyond” is guiding Europe’s

destiny, whereby the role of European leaders is first and foremost to correctly interpret the spirit messages. In Parvulesco's *Rendez-vous au manoir du Lac*, the setting is a strange site where there is a gateway to Venus, from where, according to Parvulesco, some chosen ones have to transit. In *En attendant la junction de Vénus*, Parvulesco repeats this claim, but links it with Francois Mitterrand and specifically the Axe Majeur monument of Cergy-Pontoise, near Paris.[1236]

According to Chalandon and Coppens, it is Abellio's preface to *The Fifth Empire*, by Dominique de Roux, that reveals the true "key" to unlock their philosophy. De Roux's grandfather, Marie de Roux, was the lawyer of Charles Maurras and the *Action Française*, and he himself served in the SDECE. The title *The Fifth Empire* is an allusion to a popular Portuguese myth related to that of the English millenarian Fifth Monarchists, whose origins lay with Antonio Vieira, an associate of Menasseh ben Israel, and which he dated to the year 1666, influencing thee Rosicrucians who orchestrated the mission of Sabbetai Zevi who announced himself the messiah in the same year. The myth was popularized by the Portuguese poet, Fernando Pessoa, who was a friend to Aleister Crowley. Pessoa, who linked the prophecies to Nostradamus, believed the Fifth Empire, led by "the hidden one," would represent the ultimate form of fusion between material and spiritual knowledge: the occult, mystical speculation and Kabbalah.[1237]

Abellio and Parvulesco also believed that the coincidences between historical outcomes and the messages of the Marian apparitions pointed to the promise that a New Europe was slowly emerging. As Chalandon and Coppens summarize:

> For esotericists who saw our dimension as being infiltrated by the other plane of existence, the coincidences of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary at Fatima and her clearly political messages, to do with the future of Russia and how it should embrace the Virgin Mary, are part and parcel of how this Great Europe was not merely a political ambition, but part of their vision as to how "real politicians" worked together in league with the "denizens of the otherworld," so as to accomplish the

> Assumption. Hence why Parvulesco held Putin's Russia to be so important. Hence why, no doubt, Abellio tried to make contact with the Soviets to enable this New Europe, which indeed has come about largely under Putin's presidency.[1238]

Alice Bailey as well, who described Shambhala as "the vital centre in the planetary consciousness" and related it to the Second Coming of the Christ, also prophesied Russia's special role in ushering in the New Era:

> Out of Russia… will emerge that new and magical religion about which I have so often told you. It will be the product of the great and imminent Approach which will take place between *Humanity* and the *Hierarchy*. From these two centres of spiritual force, in which the light which ever shineth in and from the East will irradiate the West; the whole world will be flooded with the radiance of the Sun of Righteousness. I am not here referring, in connection with Russia, to the imposition of any political ideology, but to the appearance of a great and spiritual religion, which will justify the crucifixion of a great nation and which will demonstrate itself and be focused in a great and spiritual Light which will be held aloft by a vital Russian exponent of true religion – that man for whom many Russians have been looking, and who will be the justification of a most ancient prophecy.[1239]

According to Christian Bouchet, "Eurasia would be the natural evolution from a successful European federation, the stage after the Paris-Berlin-Moscow axis. But it is also—and we should keep it to ourselves—an essential component of our esotericism: Third Rome, the union of the East and the West, and so on."[1240] As Kerry Bolton remarked, Putin has embraced "Eurasianism" as the alternative to a "new world order" to counter American plans headed by globalist organizations like the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and the CIA to turn Russia into a puppet state. Bolton notes that "There are those both on the 'fringes' of politics and in influential positions who see Russia as an ally rather than as a threat to Europe, a united Europe."[1241] Bolton endorses the opinion of French historian Marc

Rousset who was quoted as seeing the emergence of an axis of Paris, Berlin and Moscow as being the answer to the present crisis in the Eurozone and the means to restore Europe's position as a major player in the international system.

Bolton extolled Dugin's prescription for a "multipolar" world in an article for *New Dawn* magazine, titled "Putin, Russia, & the Rise of a New Era." *New Dawn*, which hails itself as "The World's Most Unusual Magazine," focuses on New Age topics, alternative medicines, extraterrestrials, and "alternative news and views on global trends and world affairs." Their "About" page features endorsements from Philip K. Dick, Jose Argüelles, and Dugin himself who described the magazine as: "one of the best sources of realistic information on the state of things in our world as it nears its inevitable and predicted end."[1242] Referring to the prophecy of Nostradamus, Bolton notes that a commentator in *New Dawn* magazine wrote, "the rise of Putin had mystical implications that could impact on the world in an epochal way: Putin's inauguration as Prime Minister on 9 August 1999 occurred during the week of the solar eclipse and the planetary alignment of the Grand Cross, 'a highly auspicious astrological event… traditionally held to be the end of an epoch.'"[1243]

Saint John Paul II

In October 1943, when Sister Lucia—who had first witnessed the apparition of the Virgin Mary at Fatima—was seriously ill and there were fears for her life, Dom José pressed her once again, ordering her to finally put the Third Secret of Fatima into writing. Sister Lucia complied, but sealed her statement into an envelope and insisted it not be opened until 1960 or until after her death, if earlier. As the Cuban Missile Crisis took place in 1962, bringing the world for the first time to the brink of a nuclear showdown, and under John F. Kennedy, a Catholic president, many who believed the promises of Fatima believed that the threat of nuclear war might perhaps be the Third Secret.[1244]

Others suspected the Third Secret pertained specifically to the Catholic Church itself. And, according to some, the prophecy was

linked to the predictions of Nostradamus.[1245] In *Century V, Quatrain 92*, Nostradamus foretold: “After the seat is held seventeen years, five will change in the same length of years. Then will one be elected in similar times, to whom the Romans will not much conform.” Pope Pius XI, the one prophesied in the Second Secret of Fatima, held the Holy Seat for exactly seventeen years. And, it was during his pontificate that World War II broke out, as was predicted in the secret. Many believe that Pope John Paul II was the one prophesied in the second part of Nostradamus quatrain, as he was the fifth pope after Pius XI.[1246]

John Paul I was succeeded by Karol Cardinal Wojtyla of Krakow, named John Paul II, the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX, who served for nearly thirty-two years, and the first non-Italian Pope since the Dutch Pope Adrian VI in 1523. A key goal of John Paul’s papacy was to transform and reposition the Catholic Church. His wish was “to place his Church at the heart of a new religious alliance that would bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians in a great religious armada.”[1247] He upheld the Church’s teachings on such matters as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church’s Second Vatican Council and its reforms. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonized 483 saints—more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated a large number of the world’s bishops, and ordained many priests.[1248]

Pope John Paul II was present and very influential at Vatican II, affirming the teachings of that Council and did much to implement them, including contributions to two of its most historic and influential outputs, the “Decree on Religious Freedom” (in Latin, *Dignitatis humanae*) and the “Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World” (*Gaudium et spes*).[1249] John Paul II called the “universal call to holiness,” a central message of Josemaria Escriva the founder of Opus Dei, “an intrinsic and essential aspect of [the Council Fathers’] teaching on the Church.”[1250] According to John Paul II, with Escriva’s teaching that God comes close to us and we

can cooperate with his plan of salvation, “it is easier to understand what the Second Vatican Council affirmed: ‘there is no question, then, of the Christian message inhibiting men from building up the world… on the contrary it is an incentive to do these very things’.”[1251] John Paul II canonized Escriva in 2002, declaring him to be “counted among the great witnesses of Christianity.”[1252]

The possible Frankist heritage of John Paul II may be indicated by his very strong Marian emphasis, which due to his influence dominated the direction of the Catholic Church during his papacy.[1253] According to Athol Bloomer, Pope John Paul II’s phenomenological “Theology of the Body” draws from Polish Frankist sources.[1254] Yaakov Wise, a researcher in Orthodox Jewish history and philosophy, has asserted that although the Pope’s father was an ethnic Pole, John Paul’s mother Emilia Kaczorowski—Emily Katz in English—was Jewish and the daughter of Feliks Kaczowski, a businessman from Biala-Bielsko in Poland. Katz is a common surname amongst East European Jewish families. Emilia’s mother, the Pope’s grandmother, was Maria Anna Scholz. Scholz, or Schulze, is also a common surname among Jews, as is Rybicka, or Ryback, which is the surname of the Pope’s great-grandmother Zuzanna. All the names or their variations appear on gravestones in the old Biala Jewish cemetery, as does the surname of Felik’s mother Urszula Maklinowska.[1255]

The B’nai B’rith and other institutions have acknowledged that Wojtyla helped protect many Polish Jews from the Nazis. Wojtyla saved the life of a 14-year-old Jewish refugee girl named Edith Zierer, who had escaped from a Nazi labor camp in Czestochowa.[1256] After Stanley Berger, a Jewish boy whose parents died in the Holocaust, was adopted by Christian parents, Wojtyla refused their request to baptize the boy, claiming that the child should be raised in the Jewish faith. In September 2003, Emmanuelle Pacifici, the head of Italy’s Jewish community, proposed that John Paul II receive the medal and honorific of Righteous Among the Nations for saving a two-year-old Jewish boy by giving him to a gentile Polish family to be hidden in 1942. After the war, this boy’s Christian adopted parents asked the future Pope John Paul II to baptize the boy, yet once again he refused. Karol Wojtyla also did everything he could to ensure that

the Jewish boy he saved leave Poland to be raised by his Jewish relatives in the United States.[1257] Also, what was possibly his only love affair was with a Jewish girl, Ginka Beer.[1258]

In 1954, Wojtyla earned a Doctorate in Sacred Theology, evaluating the feasibility of a Catholic ethic based on the ethical system of the phenomenology of Max Scheler, which was popular among Catholic intellectuals in Kraków.[1259] Scheler was born in Munich, in 1874 to a Lutheran father and an Orthodox Jewish mother. As an adolescent, he turned to Catholicism although he became increasingly non-committal around 1921. After 1921 he disassociated himself in public from Catholicism and the Judeo-Christian God, committing himself to the phenomenology of Edmund Husserl. Thereafter, Scheler moved to Berlin and grew close to Walther Rathenau and Werner Sombart. After his death in 1928, Martin Heidegger affirmed that all philosophers of the century were indebted to Scheler and praised him as "the strongest philosophical force in modern Germany, nay, in contemporary Europe and in contemporary philosophy as such."[1260]

In 1973 Cardinal Wojtyla collaborated on a number of works with philosopher Anna-Teresa Tymieniecka, the wife of Hendrik S. Houthakker, Professor of Economics at Stanford University and Harvard University, and member of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers. Tymieniecka, was a Polish-born philosopher and founder of the World Phenomenology Institute. The initiative to establish this institute was supported by other fellow students of Edmund Husserl: Roman Ingarden, Emmanuel Levinas, Paul Ricoeur, and Hans-Georg Gadamer as well as by the Director of the Husserl-Archives in Leuven, Herman Leo Van Breda. Emmanuel Levinas was a French philosopher of Lithuanian Jewish ancestry who is known for his work related to Jewish philosophy, existentialism, ethics, phenomenology and ontology. Ricoeur was a French philosopher best known for combining phenomenological description with hermeneutics. His assistant during the early 1960s was postmodernist philosopher Jacques Derrida.[1261] Gadamer studied with Martin Heidegger, and when Heidegger received a position at Marburg, Gadamer followed him there, where he became

one of a group of students such as Leo Strauss, Karl Löwith, and Hannah Arendt.[1262]

Ingarden was a Polish philosopher who was a close friend of Edith Stein.[1263] Stein was a German Jewish philosopher who was influenced by Teresa of Avila, converted to Roman Catholicism and became a Discalced Carmelite nun. She was Husserl's assistant and met Heidegger in 1929. She tried to bridge Husserl's phenomenology to Thomism. She was executed at Auschwitz and eventually canonized as a martyr and saint of the Catholic Church. She was beatified in 1987 by Pope John Paul II as St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**.**

On 30 December 1993, John Paul II established formal diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel, acknowledging its centrality in Jewish life and faith.[1264] In March 2000, John Paul II visited Yad Vashem, the national Holocaust memorial in Israel, and later made history by touching one of the holiest sites in Judaism, the Western Wall in Jerusalem, placing a letter inside it, in which he prayed for forgiveness for "the behaviour of those who in the course of history have caused these children of yours to suffer."[1265] In October 2003, the ADL congratulated John Paul II on his 25th year in the papacy. In January 2005, John Paul II became the first pope known to receive a priestly blessing from a rabbi, when Rabbis Benjamin Blech, Barry Dov Schwartz, and Jack Bemporad visited the pontiff at Clementine Hall in the Apostolic Palace.[1266] In an interview with the Polish Press Agency, Michael Schudrich, Chief Rabbi of Poland, said that never in history did anyone do as much for Christian-Jewish dialogue as Pope John Paul II, adding that many Jews had a greater respect for the late pope than for some rabbis. Schudrich praised John Paul II for condemning anti-Semitism as a sin, which no previous pope had done.[1267]

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Pope John Paul II had also written his theological dissertation on the mystical theology of Teresa's associate, Saint John of the Cross. The direction of the Catholic Church during the last part of the twentieth century was dominated by the views of Pope John Paul II,

whose perspective had a very strong Marian emphasis.[1268] John Paul II advocated “Total Consecration to Mary” more than any of his predecessors.[1269] He issued a number of Marian encyclicals that shaped the Catholic views on Mary during the twentieth century.[1270] In 1987, John Paul II repeated the title of Mary as “Mother of the Church” in his encyclical *Redemptoris Mater* and at a general audience on September 17, 1997. His apostolic motto, *Totus Tuus*, is a Latin phrase meaning “totally thine” and expressed his personal Consecration to Mary. He deliberately reflected his Marian views within the design of his coat of arms by using a Marian Cross. According to the *L’Osservatore Romano*, the use of the Marian Cross on his coat of arms was a departure from traditional heraldry models and was intended to emphasize the presence of the Virgin Mary under the Cross in Calvary and her special participation in the process of redemption.[1271] A Santero image of the Immaculate Conception of El Viejo, said to have been sent with one of Teresa of Avila’s brothers to Peru, was canonically crowned by John Paul II in 1989 at the Shrine of El Viejo.

In 1990, John Paul II beatified Juan Diego, a native Mexican peasant who is said to have been granted an apparition in 1531 of the Virgin Mary—whose venerated image is enshrined in Mexico City, where it is known as Our Lady of Guadalupe—which was a turning point in the conversion of Latin America to Catholicism. The image has the appearance of a Indigenous Central American, rather than a European woman, and her clothing has been identified as that of an Aztec princess.[1272] John Paul II reinforced the icon’s native heritage by permitting local Aztec dances during the ceremony in which he declared Juan Diego a saint, spoke in Nahuatl, the Aztec language, as part of the ceremony, called Juan Diego “the talking eagle” and asked him to show “the way that leads to the Dark Virgin of Tepeyac,” outside Mexico City, where the Spanish destroyed a temple of the Aztec mother goddess Tonantzin[1273]

Bulgarian Connection

As reported by Martin E. Lee, with Polish Communists embracing Catholicism and Latin American Catholics embracing

communism, the American government and particularly the CIA began to take a much greater interest in Vatican foreign policy.[1274] As Pope Paul VI grew older, intelligence circles in the United States became concerned over who would succeed him. CIA analysts developed profiles on leading papal candidates, identifying those who were likely to be sympathetic to American interests. In 1977, Terence Cardinal Cooke, the current Grand Protector and Spiritual Advisor of the Knights of Malta, traveled to Eastern Europe to discuss the matter of choosing a candidate to succeed Pope Paul, and met personally with Cardinal Wojtyla, who was noted for his anti-Communist leanings. Cooke's efforts showed results the following year when Wojtyla was elected pontiff as John Paul II, following the sudden death of Pope John Paul I.[1275]

The message of Fatima has strongly interested three Popes: Pius XII, Paul VI and recently John Paul II.[1276] In 1960, the Vatican issued a press release stating that it was "most probable the Secret would remain, forever, under absolute seal."[1277] John Paul II explained the justification for the postponement of the secret: "Because of the seriousness of its contents, in order not to encourage the worldwide power of Communism to carry out certain coups, my predecessors in the chair of Peter have diplomatically preferred to withhold its publication."[1278] According to one source, when Sister Lucia was asked about the Third Secret, she said it was "in the Gospels and in Revelation," and even specified Revelation 8 to 13, a range that includes 12:4, the chapter and verse cited by Pope John Paul II in his homily at Fatima on May 13, 2000.[1279] The verse states, "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." This was believed to refer to the spread of communism, which before the collapse of the Soviet Union, was a system adopted by nearly a third of the world's population.[1280]

The text of the Third Secret of Our Lady of Fatima was officially released by Pope John Paul II in 2000, although some claim that it was not the entire secret revealed by Lucia, despite repeated assertions from the Vatican to the contrary. It was announced by

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, who implied that the secret was about the twentieth century persecution of Christians that culminated in the failed Pope John Paul II assassination attempt. Traditionalist Catholics were opposed to the Vatican's refusal to reveal the so-called Third Secret of Fatima. Fatimists themselves estimate that only about two percent of all Catholics are involved with their movement. A week earlier, on May 2, 1981, Laurence James Downey hijacked an airplane and demanded that Pope John Paul II make public the Third Secret.

May 13, 1981, the date of the assassination attempt, was the anniversary of the first apparition of the Virgin Mary to the three children of Fatima, something the Pope has always regarded as significant, attributing his survival on that day to her protection. Some doubt the Church's full disclosure of the contents of this Secret, believing that it actually predicted the Apocalypse. While in prison on remand, the assassin Mehmet Ali Agca was widely reported to have developed an obsession with Fatima, and during the trial claimed that he was the Second Coming of Jesus and called on the Vatican to release the Third Secret. Several theories exist concerning Agca's assassination attempt. Among them, by the early 1980s was the "Bulgarian Connection" proposed by Michael Ledeen, among others, which asserts that the assassination attempt had originated from Moscow and that the KGB had instructed the Bulgarian and East German secret services to carry out the mission. The Bulgarian Secret Service was allegedly instructed by the KGB to assassinate the Pope because of his support for Poland's Solidarity movement, seeing it as one of the most significant threats to Soviet hegemony in Eastern Europe. Ledeen was one of the most vocal proponents of this theory, promoting it on TV and in newspapers all over the world. [1281]

As related by investigative reporter Lucy Komisar, the assassination attempt by Agca, a member of the Turkish neo-fascist Grey Wolves, may have been related to Gladio.[1282] The Grey Wolves are a neo-fascist group established in the 1960s by Colonel Alparslan Türks, who during World War II had been the contact person of the Nazis in Turkey. Convinced of the theories of Turkish racial superiority, Colonel Türks in many of his speeches during his

career quoted from Hitler's book *Mein Kampf*. After the war, he made contacts with the CIA in 1948 and set up a secret anti-Communist stay-behind army in Turkey. When Turkey joined NATO in 1952, Türks had already set up a Turkish secret army. Türks' unit was eventually renamed the Special Forces Command, which operated Counter-Guerrilla.[1283]

After the discovery of NATO's involvement in Gladio in 1990, it was revealed in Turkey that Colonel Türks had recruited heavily among the Grey Wolves to staff the Counter-Guerrilla. Based explicitly on the Pan-Turkism movement, the Grey Wolves derived their name and flag from the Turkish founding myth of the grey wolf that led the Turkic peoples out of Ergenekon valley (related to Agartha) to their homeland in Anatolia. The Grey Wolves' dream is to create the "Turan," or the "Great Turkish Empire," to include all Turkic peoples of the Central Asian countries of the former Soviet Union, as well as the Caucasus, and the Uighurs' homeland of East Turkestan in the Xinjiang, China. According to Turkish authorities, the Grey Wolves carried out 694 murders between 1974 and 1980.[1284]

Ledeen's theory has since been attacked more recently by a number of journalists. These include *Washington Post* reporter Michael Dobbs, who initially believed the story. As Craig Unger remarked, "With Ronald Reagan newly installed in the White House, the so-called Bulgarian Connection made perfect Cold War propaganda."[1285] According to *Kill the Pope: The Truth about the Assassination Attempt on Pope John Paul II*, written by Marco Insaldo and Yasemin Taskin, who based their claims on twenty years of research, the Bulgarian Connection theory was the creation of the CIA. Then secretary of state Alexander Haig had asked the CIA to pin the blame on the communists, who exploited the fact of the Grey Wolves' connections with Bulgarian organized crime and that Agca had visited the country. The authors also alleged that Italian secret services, in co-operation with the CIA, forced Agca to confess to a Bulgarian connection, which he later retracted.[1286]

As reported by Richard Cotrell, it was Le Cercle founder Alexandre de Marenches, the chief of French Intelligence, through his Knights of Malta connections, who instigated the 1981

assassination plot against John Paul II and attempted to frame the Soviet Union, in collaboration with Ted Shackley and Thomas Clines.[1287] According to Paul L. Williams, author of *Operation Gladio: The Untold Story of the Unholy Alliance Between the Vatican, the CIA, and the Mafia*, Ted Shackley coordinated with Giuseppe Santovito, a P2 member and head of the Italian military intelligence agency, SISMI. The plan would involve Ledeen and a multitude of CIA associates, including journalist Claire Sterling; Paul Henze, the Station Chief in Ankara; Fr. Felix Morlion of the right-wing Pro-Deo movement; Francesco Pazienza, a CIA informant and SISMI official who helped engineer the Bologna bombing; and Frank Terpil, the agent who had been assigned to work with the Gladio-connected Grey Wolves, who were ultimately blamed for the attempt.[1288] P2 member Stefano Delle Chiaie is said to have come from South America to Miami in 1982, with a leader of the Grey Wolves who was a friend of Agca.[1289]

On May 12, 1982, Pope John Paul II survived a second assassination attempt on the occasion of his pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal. Juan María Fernández Krohn, a Traditionalist Catholic priest from Spain of the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX), rushed the pope with a bayonet in an attempt to kill him. According to a story in the May 21, 1982 edition of *The Catholic Telegraph*, Krohn reportedly shouted “down with the pope” and “down with the Second Vatican Council.”[1290] A day after the attack, Pope John Paul II visited a shrine to Our Lady of Fatima in Fatima, where he prayed in Thanksgiving for surviving the attempt on his life in 1981. Soon after this second assassination attempt, John Paul II decided it was time to properly consecrate Russia. He wrote a letter to all the bishops, including the Orthodox Bishops, inviting them to join him in the consecration of the world, including Russia, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On March 25, 1984, the Vatican granted consecration to Russia. This is believed to have led not only to the collapse of the Soviet Union, but also to the resurgence of Christianity in Russia.

Maximilian Maria Kolbe was canonized in 1982 by John Paul II, and declared a martyr of charity. On October 16, 1992, on the 75th anniversary of Kolbe’s founding of the Knights of the Immaculata, many of the pilgrims flew to Moscow, and on the night of October 18,

they gathered outside Red Square with the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which had been sculpted in 1947 by Jose Thedim, based on the description of Sr. Lucia. During the occasion, Bishop Hnilica, a friend of Pope John Paul II, suggested that the pilgrims' Rosary prayers be interrupted so that Our Lady could be crowned as Queen of Russia.[1291]

Solidarność

In the Europe of the 1980s, Ronald Reagan presented the vision." In light of the ascendancy of the Solidarity movement in Poland, the pope's homeland, the Bulgarian Connection theory played a role in the demise of communism in 1989.[1292] According to Lech Walesa, who headed Solidarity (*Solidarnosc*), and who became the first democratically elected President of Poland, "The 1980s were a curious time—a time of realization that a new age was upon us. Now, from the perspective of our time, it is obvious that like the pieces of a global chain of events, Ronald Reagan, John Paul II, Margaret Thatcher and even Mikhail Gorbachev helped bring about this new age in Europe. We at Solidarity like to claim more than a little credit, too, for bringing about the end of the Cold War.

Shortly after John Paul II was elected pope in 1978, Yuri Andropov, who was then the head of the KGB, called the Station Chief in Warsaw and asked furiously, "How could you have allowed a citizen of a Socialist country to be elected Pope?"[1293] According to the pope's biographer George Weigel, Andropov ordered the First Chief Directorate of the KGB to analyze the potential threat that John Paul II posed. The analysis by Soviet intelligence determined that Wojtyla's election had been backed by a German-American conspiracy led by, among others, Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's National Security Adviser. Their goal, the document said, was nothing less than the undermining of the Communist regime in Poland and the ultimate disintegration of the Soviet Union and its satellites.[1294]

President Ronald Reagan and John Paul II met in the Vatican Library on June 7, 1982, where they agreed to undertake a covert campaign to assist in the fall of the Soviet Union. According to

Richard Allen, Reagan's first National Security Adviser: "This was one of the great secret alliances of all time."[1295] Both the pope and Reagan were convinced that Poland could be broken out of the Soviet influence by destabilizing the Polish government through support to Lech Walesa's *Solidarność*, after the declaration of martial law in 1981. *Solidarność* flourished underground via channels established by priests and American agents and representatives of the AFL-CIO and European labor movements. Money came from CIA funds, the National Endowment for Democracy, secret accounts in the Vatican and Western trade unions. With John Paul II's approval, the Vatican quietly funneled $40 million to *Solidarność*.[1296] Among the key agents were Knights of Malta Alexander Haig and William Casey, who regularly stopped in Rome to meet with the pope.[1297]

The pope had also asked leaders of Opus Dei, which had till then kept out of Communist countries, to begin operating in Poland. Throughout the 1980s, the CIA also made use of Opus Dei's *milites Christi* ("soldiers of Christ") as a primary force in Poland.[1298] Opus Dei have gained enormous influence inside the Vatican since they helped install John Paul II.[1299] Their courting of John Paul II began when he was still the Archbishop of Krakow. He was asked to speak at Opus Dei colleges and at the group's international headquarters in Rome. In an effort to enhance Wojtyla's image as "*papabile*," an Italian term for a Roman Catholic man, his speeches were printed by Opus Dei in book form and circulated among members of the Vatican hierarchy. When Wojtyla became pope, he returned the favor by elevating Opus Dei to the unique status of a "personal prelature."

John Paul II has been widely credited with being instrumental in bringing down Communism in Central and Eastern Europe, by being the spiritual inspiration behind its downfall. Walesa, who became the first post-Communist President of Poland, credited John Paul II with giving Poles the courage to demand change.[1300] Gorbachev once said, "The collapse of the Iron Curtain would have been impossible without John Paul II."[1301] In 2004, US President George W. Bush presented him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor, for his "principled stand for peace and

freedom [which] has inspired millions and helped to topple communism and tyranny."[1302]

Maryamiyya

AJC (American Jewish Congress) agent Malachi Martin believed the Catholic Church had failed to act on the Third Secret. Martin shared a close friend with Society of Saint Pius X founder Marcel Lefebvre, in Dr. Rama P. Coomaraswamy, the son of Ananda Coomaraswamy, who was one of the founders of the Traditionalist School, following René Guénon. Coomaraswamy was also connected with a pseudo-Sufi sect called the Maryamiyya, founded by a disciple of Rene Guenon, Fritjof Schuon. Schuon was initiated into the Shadhili Sufi Order by Ahmad al-Alawi (1869 – 1934), who had been recommended to him by Guénon.[1303] Al-Alawi had founded the Alawiyya branch of Shadhili (which has no relation with the Alawis of Turkey and Syria), after being instructed to adopt the name for the order and himself in a personal vision of Ali, the Prophet Muhammed's son-in-law.

The Maryamiyya, a schismatic offshoot of the Shadhili, was renamed the Maryamiyya as a consequence of a series of visions during the 1960s in which Schuon believed the Virgin Mary appeared to him and gave him a universal mission. Although ostensibly a Sufi Muslim, Schuon held a Kabbalistic view of the universe where everything in it, from the heights of the Absolute Reality to the lowest depths of the material world, is based on a hierarchical order. Therefore, Schuon posited, so to is the authentic human society, a subject to which he devoted an entire book: *Castes and Races*. To Schuon, it is the rejection of this natural order that leads to the present crisis in modern Western society. The modern West is nothing less than "Luciferian," "rotten to the core," and a "monstrosity," because of its turn away from the true "primordial tradition." He believed that we are now fast approaching the end of the Kali Yuga, when the world will be consumed in the final conflagration, and the Messiah will return for the final judgment. According to his disciples that Messiah is Schuon.[1304]

Schuon hoped to realize nothing short of a New World Order, what Schuon often referred to as a "New Civilization," within his own group in Bloomington, Indiana. However, in October 1991, a former close disciple, Mark Koslow, made public a series of personal testimonies, photographs, and other documents demonstrating that Schuon had organized an unusual religious cult community at his home in Bloomington. Although ostensibly a traditional Sufi order, Schuon's community was an eccentric religious synthesis, combining a variety of Eastern religions, apocalyptic imagery, esoteric sexual practices, and a great deal of symbolism drawn from Native American traditions. The group was disbanded on October 15, 1991, after Schuon (then eighty-four years old) was indicted on charges of sexual battery and child molestation in connection with the group's ritual dances. Because of certain legal technicalities, however, the case was dropped and the charges were never actually proven.[1305] Some of Schuon's most eminent students include several supposed converts to Islam, such as Traditionalist writer Titus Burckhardt and Martin Lings—the author of a famous biography of the Prophet Mohammed. Burckhardt expressed concerns about Schuon and episodes "involving women," but reminded other Maryamis that the followers of a Sheikh [Sufi master] should judge him by his teachings, not his actions![1306]

Also a member of the Maryamiyya is Iranian professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr, a personal friend of Alexander Dugin.[1307] Nasr offered Peter Lamborn Wilson—also known as Hakim Bey, who founded the Moorish Orthodox Church of America (MOCA)—the position of editorship of the journal, which he edited from 1975 until 1978. According to Nasr:

> [Sophia] has often manifested herself as a woman of celestial beauty and was identified by many sages and saints with the Virgin Mary in the same way that among some of the Muslim sages wisdom appeared as a beautiful celestial figure identified with Fatima, the daughter of the Prophet, and a "second Mary" within the more specific context of the Islamic tradition.[1308]

Nasr wrote the foreword to *The Naqshbandi Sufi Way: History and Guidebook of the Saints of the Golden Chain*, by Sheikh Hisham Kabbani, Chairman of the Naqshbandi Haqqani Sufi Order of America, who reported that Gurdjieff had been initiated into the mystery of the Nine Points Sheikh by Abdullah Faizi ad Daghestani (1891-1973), Shaykh of the Naqshbandi Haqqani Sufi order, in Damascus.[1309] According to Kabbani, ad Daghestani initiated Gurdjieff and allowed him through a dream to "ascend to the knowledge of the power of the nine points," which became the basis of his Enneagram, an occult glyph resembling Rosicrucian geometrical constructs or the Kabbalistic Tree of life, and which was popularized by Shah.[1310]

In 1953, Shah's associate J.G. Bennett, the former head of British intelligence in Istanbul, had undertaken a long journey to the Middle East, visiting Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Persia, which included a mysterious visit to ad Daghestani.[1311] Ad Daghestani gave Bennett an enigmatic message relating to the coming to his home in the West of "a Messenger from God," which Bennett interpreted to mean Bapak Muhammad Subuh, the Indonesian leader of cult named Subud.[20] Bennett believed that the "The Reappearance of Christ" as the "Avatar of Synthesis" prophesied by Alice Bailey must refer to Subud, and Bennett and many followers of Gurdjieff were initiated into the cult. When asked as to its purpose, Muhammad Subuh himself had said: "What is the purpose of spreading Subud? Well, primarily… it concerns the work people have come to call the… United Nations."[1312] At the time of Subuh's death in 1987, the chairman of the World Subud Council was Varindra Tarzie Vittachi. In 1973, he had been appointed director of the UN World Population Year, after which he became director of information on public affairs for the UN Population Fund (1974-79). From 1980, until his retirement, he was deputy executive director of UNICEF, the UN Children's Fund. Shah's first published mention of Subud appears in his book *The Way of the Sufi*, published in the mid 1960s, claiming that Subud is of Qadiriyya and Naqshbandi origin. Shah slowly separated from Subud and started to gather his own disciples. Shah also proposed in *The Sufis* that the Qadiriyya were the source of the rose symbolism of the Rosicrucians.

Kabbani is the son-in-law and deputy of Sheikh Nazim al Haqqani, leader of the Naqshbandi-Haqqani Order, who had also been a student of ad Daghestani. Al Haqqani traces his lineage back to the Abdul Qadir Gilani and Jalaluddin Rumi. His maternal and paternal grandfathers were sheikhs in the Qadiriya and Mevlevi orders, respectively. Following the death of ad Daghestani in 1973, Sheikh Nazim was made his spiritual successor and went to Britain, where he made contact with Bennett's circle, from whom he developed his first group of followers.[1313]

In 1976, the Traditionalist views of the Maryamiyya featured prominently in the World of Islam Festival in London. It involved Queen Elizabeth II, who opened the festival, as well as the archbishop of Canterbury who received Guénon's protégé, Abdel Halim Mahmoud, Grand Imam of Al Azhar, and who became an important source of inspiration for members of the Muslim Brotherhood. The festival was financed by the newly-rich United Arab Emirates and was administered by a trust dominated by Englishmen, including Harold Beely who had been British ambassador to Egypt under Nasser. Seyyed Hossein Nasr organized the exhibition of the Islamic science and technology at the Science Museum. Lings oversaw the exhibition of Islamic manuscripts and calligraphy at the British Library. Though books by Traditionalists and Maryamiyya featured throughout, the festival generated much favorable publicity for "traditional" Islam.

Burckhardt is read by Prince Charles, and according to Sedgwick, "Traditionalist influences are increasingly visible in some of his speeches," which explains rumors of his supposed conversion to Islam.[1314] Prince Charles has also written a foreword to Lings' book on the esoteric meanings in Shakespeare's plays. Charles' close friend and spiritual mentor, Sir Laurens van der Post, a friend and follower of Carl Jung, introduced him to Temenos, a publication of Schuon's followers. One of these was English poet and literary critic Katherine Raine, who studied spiritual magic with a group she identified as descended from the Golden Dawn. Prince Charles the encouraged Raine to establish the Temenos Academy, within his own Prince's Foundation.

The Exorcists

Martin and Rama P. Coomaraswamy had both been involved in exorcisms. Martin's decades of work with the paranormal inspired the cult classic 1973 movie "The Exorcist."[1315] Martin had received his first Guggenheim Fellowship in 1967 and a second in 1969, enabling him to write his first of four bestsellers, *Hostage to the Devil: The Possession and Exorcism of Five Living Americans*, where he references his experiences as an exorcist. According to the book he assisted in several exorcisms. In 1996, he spoke of having performed thousands of minor exorcisms, and participated in a few hundred major exorcisms during his lifetime.

According to Rachel Lysaght, who produced *Hostage to the Devil*, a Netflix documentary about him, Martin had "became this iconic person within the paranormal world."[1316] He worked with Lorraine Warren, a self-professed clairvoyant. Working closely with her husband, the Warrens' stories of ghost hauntings have inspired dozens of films, television series and documentaries, including the *Amityville Horror*, as well as *The Conjuring*, *Annabelle*, and *The Nun*, which is scheduled for release in 2018. Lorraine also runs The Warrens' Occult Museum in the back of her house in Monroe, Connecticut. The Warrens were responsible for training several demonologists including Dave Considine, who also worked with Martin and Coomaraswamy. Considine has been a guest for CNN, BBC, *The Devil Inside*, *A Haunting In New York*, *The Demonologists*, *Jane Goldman Investigates Poltergeists*, Discovery Channel's documentary TV series *A Haunting* and the History Channel's *MysteryQuest*.

Considine founded Phantasm Psychic Research in 1994, and also became the assistant to the Dominican Bishop Robert McKenna, who began collaborating in exorcism with Coomaraswamy in 1999. McKenna was a member of the Orthodox Roman Catholic Movement, also known as the ORCM, founded by Father Francis Fenton, who was also a founding member of the John Birch Society, and was on its American Opinion Speakers Bureau. Many of the traditionalist priests in the United States were originally members of the ORCM.[1317] Bishop McKenna continued to say Mass at Our

Lady of the Rosary, Monroe, Connecticut, before retiring in 2011. McKenna is also known from the Fox TV-movie *The Haunted*, which is about the Smurl haunting, where McKenna conducted two exorcisms.

As reported in *Hostage to the Devil*, according to former CIA agent Robert Marrow, one of Martin's "very close friends," Coomaraswamy invited Martin to exorcise a four-year-old girl, after which Martin died mysteriously soon afterwards on July 27, 1999. When Marrow and Martin had arrived at the girl's home, she greeted Martin saying, "So you're Malachi Martin - and you think you can help her?" Once the session was over, the little girl blew Martin a kiss, and according to Marrow, "it was disgusting, it was lascivious… the kind of way you would imagine a whore blowing a kiss to a john who just paid her a hundred bucks." The following day, Martin died mysteriously from head trauma resulting from a fall when he was supposedly pushed by an invisible force.[1318] In the final year of Martin's life, Coomaraswamy produced a videotaped memorial titled *Malachi Martin Weeps For His Church*, published by Catholic Counterpoint, a radical Traditionalist publisher of anti-Semitic and Holocaust-denial material run by John Maffei, who worships at an SSPX chapel.[1319]

Consecration of Russia

Martin said, concerning the Three Secrets of Fatima, that the Virgin Mary mandated the Pope of 1960 to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart. The Russian Orthodox Church would then convert to Roman Catholicism. If the mandate were not followed, devastating war in the world and destruction inside the church (The Great Apostasy) would follow. Martin claimed to have stood outside the papal living quarters in 1960 while Pope John XXIII, Cardinal Bea and others were reading the document containing the Third Secret, and that, in order to assure Russian cooperation at the approaching Second Vatican Council, the pope decided against the mandate. Later Paul VI and John Paul II decided against it for various reasons.[1320]

In Martin's *The Keys of This Blood: The Struggle for World Dominion between Pope John Paul II, Mikhail Gorbachev, and the Capitalist West*, before he dies, a pope leaves a secret account of the situation on his desk for the next occupant of the Throne of Peter, a thinly-veiled reference to John Paul II. Martin describes a global New World Order conspiracy among Vatican insiders and world powers both East and West, fueled by satanic influence and by the failure of John XXIII to act upon the Third Prophecy of Fatima Letter in 1960. Referred to as the "Slavic pope," John Paul II is being maneuvered into resigning so that a successor may be chosen that will fundamentally change orthodox faith and establish a New World Order.

Martin's *The Keys of This Blood* was published in 1990, and was followed in 1996 by *Windswept House: A Vatican Novel*, which alluded to pedophile Satanists inside the Vatican. Martin describes *Windswept House* as containing "real events and real people masked in the form of a novel," a device he refers to as "faction." According to Martin, 95 percent of events in the book are real, and 85 percent of the characters are real people.[1321] The essential message is that Satanists at the heart of the Vatican, down to the local parishes, who are bent on subverting the Roman Catholic Church, manipulate those duped by the false doctrines of Vatican II.

In *The Keys of This Blood*, Martin described a ceremony called "The Enthronement of the Fallen Archangel Lucifer" supposedly held in St. Paul's Chapel in the Vatican, on June 29, 1963, barely a week after the election of Paul VI. The ceremony was supposedly linked with concurrent satanic rites in South Carolina, in evident reference to Albert Pike's Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction. The novel depicts high-ranking churchmen, cardinals, archbishops and prelates of the Roman curia taking oaths signed with their own blood, plotting to destroy the Church from within.

Msgr. Emmanuel Milingo, a former Roman Catholic archbishop from Zambia, became well known in the late 1990s in traditionalist and sedevacantist circles for a speech he gave at the Our Lady of Fatima 2000 International Conference on World Peace, in which he supposedly corroborated Martin's claims. The largest Rome daily, *Il*

Messaggero gave front page headlines to Milingo's assertions. According to Milingo, the Vatican was subject to an international satanic network headed by "Anthony Levy" (Anton LaVey, head of the Church of Satan in California), and homosexuality, pedophilia and illicit sex have riddled the priesthood.[1322] When Martin was questioned about Milingo's speech at Fatima 2000, he said, "Archbishop Milingo is a good Bishop and his contention that there are satanists in Rome is completely correct. Anybody who is acquainted with the state of affairs in the Vatican in the last 35 years is well aware that the prince of darkness has had and still has his surrogates in the court of St. Peter in Rome."[1323] In 1983, Milingo had stepped down from his position as Archbishop of Lusaka after criticism for exorcism and faith healing practices unapproved by church authorities. In 2001, when Milingo was 71, he received a marriage blessing from Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Milingo also announced that he wants to bring Moon's Unification Church closer to the Vatican.[1324]

Fatima 2000 was organized by Fr. Nicholas Gruner, who was ardently supported by Martin. Gruner founded the Fatima Center, which was also the source of The Fatima Movement of Priests. The Southern Poverty Law Center listed Gruner's *Fatima Crusader* as a periodical which has published anti-Semitic articles. The Anti-Defamation League identified Gruner as a Holocaust denier and the Fatima Center as a radical Catholic organization that espoused anti-Semitic views.[1325] According to Martin, "Father Gruner is fulfilling a desperately needed function in the ongoing perception of Mary's role in the salvation of our imperiled world. Father Gruner is absolutely correct that the consecration of Russia as—Our Lady desired, has not been executed."[1326]

Martin reported that, "There's some unfinished chapter or paragraph in John Paul II's life before he dies, in connection with Russia. His destiny is tied with Kiev in Ukraine, and with Moscow. Why, I don't know. But I know this much, that's what he has told me." Referring to the third secret, he says "Russia is within the plan. That would take me too far afield into papal secrets, why Russia and Kiev are involved in the final solution of this problem, but they are." It is God's plan that "salvation shall come from the East for us all."[1327]

19. The Eurasian Order

Eurasia Party

The founding fathers of Ariosophy, Guido von List and Jörg Lanz von Liebenfels, posited the *Urheimat* of the Aryans to be the vanished polar continent of *Arktogäa* ("Northern-Gaia"), associated with the primordial Aryo-Germanic heritage. In the year following his first work, *The Ways of the Absolute* in 1990, Dugin founded "Arktogeia," a historico-religious association which would serve as both the headquarters of the intellectual and political networks that he was establishing and as his own publishing house. The later international, English-language version *Arctogaia* presented itself as follows:

> ARCTOGAIA is the association of intellectuals who study religious traditions, cultures and history of world nations. The association's activities are focused on the development of closer ties between each two world's religions and nations on the background of one, pre-historic, all-human, primordial tradition, which is subject to reconstruction. The special attention is paid to traditional being of peoples of the Eurasian continent. Eurasian traditional life style, culture, confessions are the major subjects of Arctogaia's researches as well as the influence the Eurasians had on the universal historical process. The members of the association also study the profound principles of social and political ideologies and movements.[1328]

The Arktogeia manifesto lists thirty-one "formulas for opposing the modern world" as well as "archetypal personalities which are central to our cause." These "ideological lists," published as part of Dugin's first manifesto, reads like a that reads like a *Who's Who* of the history of Synarchism, Traditionalism, Eurasianism, the Conservative Revolution, Frankfurt School, the Avant-Garde, the Nouvelle Droite and Shiite Islam: René Guénon, Julius Evola,

Konstantin Leontiev, George Sorel, Ernst Jünger, Baron Ungern-Sternberg, Heidegger, Ernst Niekisch, Moeller van den Bruck, Haushofer, George Lukacs, Nietzsche, Jean-Francois Thiriart, Dostoyevsky, Carl Schmitt Georges Bataille, Herman Wirth, Jean Parvulesco, Carl Jung, Lev Gumilev, Herbert Marcuse, Guy Debord, Nikolai Trubetzkoy, Khomeini, Ali Shariati, Mircea Eliade, Ezra Pound, Gilles Dleuze, Arthur Rimbaud, George Dumezil, Alain de Benoist and Johnny Rotten.

Dugin's ideas formed the basis for the founding of the Eurasia Party, which was registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on June 21, 2002, approximately one year after Dugin established the Pan-Russian Eurasia Movement. According to Andrew Wilson, the party was initially partly funded by the FSB, the main successor of the KGB.[1329] The flag of Dugin's Eurasian Party features eight white or yellow thunderbolts shaped in a radial pattern set on a black background. This symbol by itself is alternatively referred to in Chaos magic as the "wheel of chaos," "the symbol of chaos," "arms of chaos," "the arrows of chaos," "the chaos star," "the chaos cross," "the chaosphere" or "the symbol of eight."[1330] It can be presumed to refer to "Chaos Magick."

"In short," explains Robert Zubrin, "Dugin's Eurasianism is a satanic cult."[1331] Heiser comments on Dugin's worship of Chaos, and the adoption of the eight-pointed "Star of Chaos":

> For Dugin, *logos* is replaced by chaos, and the very symbol of chaos magic is the symbol of Eurasia: '*Logos* has expired and we all will be buried under its ruins unless we make an appeal to chaos and its metaphysical principles, and use them as a basis for something new.' Dugin dressed his discussion of logos in the language of Heidegger, but his terminology cannot be read outside of a 2,000-year-old Western, biblical tradition which associates the *Logos* with the Christ, and Dugin's invocation of chaos against *logos* leads to certain inevitable conclusions regarding his doctrines.[1332]

Dugin's Eurasian Union will need a defining ideology, and for this purpose Dugin has developed a new "Fourth Political Theory"

combining all the strongest points of Communism, Nazism, Ecologism, and Traditionalism. Dugin's theory purports to go beyond the Strasserist Third Position, including "first position" (Nazism and Fascism), social justice from the "second position" (European Social Movement), and "traditional identity" from the Third Position. What Russia needs, says Dugin, is a "genuine, true, radically revolutionary and consistent, fascist fascism." On the other hand, "Liberalism, is an absolute evil… Only a global crusade against the U.S., the West, globalization, and their political-ideological expression, liberalism, is capable of becoming an adequate response… The American empire should be destroyed."[1333]

Since Putin said the collapse of the Soviet empire "was the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century" the idea of restoring a Russian imperium has taken hold as a cornerstone for Russian foreign policy.[1334] In October 2011, *Izvestia* published an article by Putin on the "new integration project," setting forth Alexander Dugin's vision for the new "Eurasian Union," advancing the cause of closer integration among former Soviet states, based on "common values, economic and political cooperation."[1335] As explained by James Heiser in *Breitbart*:

> Eurasianism leaves intact many of the territorial goals of the old Soviet Union while updating the ideology for a world which has grown cold to Bolshevik boilerplate. Gone is the old Marxist-Leninist claptrap about the 'class struggle' in favor of a global conflict rooted in 'sacred geography' and an 'inevitable' conflict between the continental might of Eurasia and the 'sea power' of the United Kingdom and United States.[1336]

By the beginning of the 1990's, as the Soviet Union was approaching its collapse, Dugin had begun to assume a more high-profile political role. Dugin has close ties with the Kremlin and the Russian military, having "served as an advisor to State Duma speaker Gennadiy Seleznyov and key member of the ruling United Russia party Sergei Naryshkin.[1337] Naryshkin is a Russian official, politician and businessman who has been Chairman of the State Duma (2011-2016). Previously, he was head of the Administration of

the President of Russia from May 2008 to December 2011. In September 2016 Naryshkin was appointed as chief of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR). According to Matthew d'Ancona writing in *The Guardian*:

> The extent of Dugin's personal access to the Kremlin remains opaque: it has certainly waxed and waned over the decades. What is beyond dispute, however, is the influence his geopolitical vision has enjoyed in the general staff academy and the Russian ministry of defence. Putin's intervention in Georgia in 2008, his invasion of Ukraine in 2014, and his tightening grip on Syria are all entirely consistent with Dugin's strategy for Mother Russia.[1338]

Dugin's apocalyptic vision is being orchestrated by the Russian state as part of his plan to rebuild a revived Eastern Bloc, by proposing an alliance between Muslims and the peoples of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, known as the Eurasian Union. According to Dugin:

> We must create strategic alliances to overthrow the present order of things, of which the core could be described as human rights, anti-hierarchy, and political correctness—everything that is the face of the Beast, the anti-Christ.[1339]

As defined in *Foundations of Geopolitics*, Dugin sees the need for an alliance between Turkey, Russia, Iran and the Central Asian republics—reviving the aspirations of pan-Turkism—against the Western hemisphere:

> The new Eurasian empire will be constructed on the fundamental principle of the common enemy: the rejection of Atlanticism, strategic control of the USA, and the refusal to allow liberal values to dominate us. This common civilisational impulse will be the basis of a political and strategic union.[1340]

In pursuit of his geopolitical agenda, Dugin has established an extensive list of contacts that comprise his "Eurasian network," which

consist of right-wing politicians, philosophers and geopoliticians from Romania, Poland, Turkey, Hungary, Argentina, France, Croatia, Slovakia, Serbia, Greece, Lebanon, Italy, Germany, Chile, and Malaysia. Among many others, they include Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, former Prime Minister of Romania Ion Iliescu, the second President of the Czech Republic Václav Klaus who had long-standing ties to the KGB, Prime Minister of Slovakia Robert Fico and his entourage, Vojislav Kostunica, former President of Serbia, and Roman Giertych, head of the party League of Polish Families. In Turkey, Dugin is connected to, among others, former Prime Ministers Suleyman Demirel and General Kilinc Tundzher the former head of Turkey's General Staff.[1341]

Jewish Orientalism

Dugin was also influenced by Yakov Bromberg, a member of the émigré Eurasianist movement of the 1920s and 1930s, who strove to develop a specifically Jewish approach to Eurasianist ideology. As Eurasianism sought to fit non-Russian peoples into their scheme, they included Tatars and Kalmyks, who are of Mongol descent, who existed in the Russian areas prior to the arrival of the Rus. The same could be said of the Jews of Khazaria. According to Bromberg, Khazaria completed the historical cycle in which Judaism was a proselytizing religion, and the Jews attempted to "go beyond their ethno-cultural confines."[1342]

Based on Bromberg, Dugin proposed a distinction between the Atlanticist "Western" Jewishness against a "Jewish Orientalism" or "Jewish Eurasianism." According to Dugin, it was GRECE member Arthur Koestler who pointed to this duality when he posited his theory of the Khazarian origin of the Jews. On the negative side is the rationalist, Western, capitalist, Jewish bourgeoisie, pitted against the mysticism and messianism of the Kabbalists, the Sabbateans, the Chabad Hasidim, and the "Jewish National-Bolshevism."[1343]

Dugin refers to Gershom Scholem, the renowned scholar of Jewish Kabbalah, as "the greatest traditionalist thinker," and distinguishes between exoteric Judaism, which he opposes as "materialistic," and esoteric Judaism, or Kabbalah, which he praises

as part of Guenon's Primordial Tradition.[1344] Dugin goes on to explain that the challenge of Kabbalah was that it presented a "manifestationist" or evolutionary view of creation, which was inspired through Neoplatonism, in contrast to the creationist view of history, which is founded in exoteric Jewish monotheism. This challenge, he suggests, was first resolved by Isaac Luria, who offered a creationist interpretation of Kabbalah, by proposing that God created the world by "contracting" himself. But the final solution to the challenge, according to Dugin, was presented by Sabbatai Zevi, who suggested that the manifestationist view of creation was the correct one, and that the thoughtless serpents were responsible for evil.[1345]

Dugin believes that many Jews saw in Bolshevism a possibility to merge with a larger population, in order to unite Russian and Jewish messianism under the common aegis of Eurasianism for the destruction of capital and exploitation. "Eurasianist" elements of the Jewish diaspora in Europe, America, and Asia, lent their support to the Soviets, forming the Third International, later the Komintern.

These competing branches, suggests Dugin, also contributed to reciprocal versions of anti-Semitism. For example, Marx's anti-Semitism expressed in *On the Jewish question*, represented the Sabbatean and Frankist irrationalism in opposition to rationalist Jewish capital. Conversely, Winston Churchill's criticism of the "Jewish menace" of the East was emblematic of the right-wing Zionist circles of Great Britain. It is for this reason, explains Dugin, that apologists for the Jews are not able to explain why, under the severe repression of Lenin and Stalin, Jews were not only the victims, but also the persecutors. However, the right-wing Zionist flank collaborated with anti-Semitic circles within the KGB, leading ultimately to the collapse of the Soviet Union. "Jewish orientalism," explains Dugin, "is not an especially modern, exclusively Soviet phenomenon. It is rooted in the depths of national history. Probably behind it there is some terrible religious or racial secret."[1346] He adds, "there will always be a place for the 'Jewish orientalism' in the ranks of the builders of the Great Eurasian Empire, the Last Empire. [1347]

Israeli Traditionalists

For all their purported support of white identity and even neo-Nazi sympathies, where Trump's base of support is consistent, including the alt-right, is in their support of Israel, a stance they share with their Russian counterparts. As explained by Alexander Dugin:

> With Israel, Russian state, Putin personally, has nothing against Israel. In our society we have no hostility towards Jews or towards Israel. More than that, we have many Russian Jews that are living there. So, there is a kind of sympathy for Israel and for Jews in Russia in general… We have good relations with Israel. United States have good relations with Israel. But there are two Israels at least. There is geopolitical Atlanticist, sea-power Israel, represented by Israeli oligarchy, Israeli racism and pro-American, pro-Western core of Israeli society. But there is Israeli Traditionalists. They are different.[1348]

In 2002, Dugin's AGRAF publishing house published *Evrei i Evraziia* ("The Jews and Eurasia"), a collection of writings by Jewish Eurasianist, Yakov Bromberg, and Dugin's modern Zionist associate, Avigdor Eskin. The volume was part of an effort to strengthen ties between the Eurasianist movement, Chabad and far-right-wing Zionist movements, and approvingly quoted one of Bromberg's contemporaries (Lev Karsavin, who greeted the Soviet regime) about the "primordial tie between the Jewish people and Russia."[1349]

Avigdor Eskin, a far-right Russian-Israeli activist, considers Alexander Dugin to be his closest ideological partner in Russia.[1350] Born in the Soviet Union, Eskin emigrated to Israel where he became involved in right-wing politics. Eskin was reportedly a former KGB or Shin Bet agent.[1351] In the US, Eskin lobbied politicians and was credited as the one who turned Senator Jesse Helms, one of the biggest opponents of American policy toward Israel, into a staunch Zionist. Eskin made a deal with Helms that he would support Reagan's policies in Central America in exchange for Helms' support for Israel. In return for Helms' support, Eskin and other Israeli right-wingers supported President Reagan's foreign policy. They

cooperated with the Republican lobby and recruited Jewish support US policy in Panama, El Salvador, Chile and Granada. As a result, it was alleged that Eskin served as a go-between in the deal to send military aid to the Contras in Nicaragua and admitted to playing a part in the Iran-Contra Affair.[1352] He was also able to successfully lobby ten US congressmen's support for Viktor Yanukovych in the Ukraine.[1353]

Eskin worked closely with the Jewish Defense League (JDL), founded by Meir Kahane Joseph Churba, who had close ties to John Rees and John Singlaub of the Western Goals Foundation. A number of JDL members have been linked to violent, and sometimes deadly, attacks including the Cave of the Patriarchs massacre in Hebron, West Bank in 1994, which left 29 people dead, several as young as twelve, and 125 wounded. Kahane was assassinated in 1990 by Islamic militant El Sayyid Nosair, who was later convicted of terrorist conspiracy. Nosair was an associate of the Muslim Brotherhood-connected Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, who was also secretly in the employ of the CIA.[1354] Nosair was later convicted of the murder in a United States district court trial for his involvement, along with Sheikh Omar, in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Eskin became one of Kahane's leading spokesmen and associates, and a member of the banned Kach Party, founded by Kahane in the early 1970s, and following his Jewish-Orthodox-nationalist ideology. After several electoral failures, Kach entered the Knesset following the 1984 elections. However, it was barred from participating in the next 1988 election for inciting racism. After Kahane's assassination in 1990, the party split, with Kahane Chai breaking away from the main Kach faction.

Along with his Kach associate Yosef Dayan, Eskin participated in a Kabbalistic ritual called *pulsa dinura* which invoked a "death curse" against Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995, in response to the Oslo Accords. Thirty-two days later, Rabin was assassinated by Yigal Amir. Eskin still praises Amir, and has become one of the people closest to him, his wife, and their families.[1355] In 1997, Eskin was arrested and sentenced to four months in prison for incitement. On his release, he made two attempts to incite Palestinian hatred to sabotage the Oslo Accords. He threw a pig's

head with the Quran stuffed in its mouth, into the complex housing the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque during Ramadan.[1356] He also planned on placing a pig's head on the tomb of Izzadin Qassam—the Palestinian guerilla fighter who fought the Zionists in the 1930s—and he set fire to the offices of the leftist Dor Shalom organization, the *Jerusalem Post* revealed during their trial for incitement.

Eskin is a frequent guest on *Russia Today*. "The Russians consider him a very interesting figure. He has good ties in the Kremlin and is considered a distinguished representative of Israeli society," Dugin told *Ha'aretz*.[1357] The main benefit of Dugin's acquaintance with Eskin was his introduction to Mikhail Gagloev, a wealthy South Ossetian banker who came to sponsor Dugin's various political activities for much of the coming decade.[1358] Gagloev was both CEO of the Kremlin-linked Tempbank and vice-chairman of Dugin's International Eurasianist Movement (MED). Gagloev's business associates include Ukrainian ex-mobster, Evgeny Giner, and the deputy speaker of Russia's parliament, Alexander Babakov. In 2012, Putin appointed Babakov special representative for relations with Russian organisations abroad. In 2016, Babakov met with two officers from Marine Le Pen's Front National to arrange a loan with a Latvian bank known for its links to the Kremlin.[1359]

Eskin is an associate of West Bank-based Hasidic Rabbi Avram Shmulevich, and both are members of Dugin's Eurasia Movement. Eskin and Shmulevich's participation in the Eurasia Movement was based on its anti-American elements, which fit well with many settlers' view of the Israeli government as betraying Zionism, under American pressure.[1360] Shmulevich, describes himself as "Hyperzionist," regarding the earlier Zionism that led to the creation of the State of Israel as obsolete. Israel, according to Shmulevich, has a global mission to lead the way into the twenty-first century, molding it as Jews such as Marx, Einstein and Freud molded the twentieth century. Israel must not only defeat proposals for a Palestinian state and the threat of Islam, but expand her control over what has been referred to as "Greater Israel," to the entire Middle East, from the Nile to the Euphrates. This control need not be

military, but can employ the nefarious techniques suggested in the *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*. Secondly, Israel must "reinstate the most primal layer of Tradition [that of Adam, the first Hyperzionist], but any such reinstatement would be also based on fusion with the most modern tendencies found in a post-industrial society."[1361]

Shmulevich was elected to the leadership of the Eurasian Movement at its constituent congress in Moscow on 21 April 2001, along with the Supreme Mufti of the Central Ecclesiastical Board of Muslims of Russia and European CIS Countries, Sheikh-ul-Islam Talgat Tajuddin, and secretary of the Department of External Church Relations of the Moscow patriarchate, Fr. Vsevolod Chaplin. According to Dugin, "'Eurasia' is diverse, including Russians, Tatars, youth, and military personnel," and finally, "'Eurasia' comes first and everything else follows."[1362] At a press conference held on the eve of the congress, Farid Salman, representative of Mufti Talgat Tajuddin, stressed: "The 'Eurasia' movement is our answer to adherents of satanic wahhabism which has put down roots throughout the country and even in Moscow." In his opinion, "participation of Muslims in the movement is a sacred duty of patriotism and response to adherents of wahhabism, which discredits Islam."[1363]

At the same press conference, Shmulevich reported that the participation of the Jewish population of Russia in the Eurasia movement is substantiated by the strengthening of relations between Russia and Israel and Eurasianism's active support in Israel. In Shmulevich's opinion, "eurasianism gives the possibility of preserving for all peoples, including Jews, their identity." In Shmulevich's opinion, "western democratic ideology that levels out national distinctives is unacceptable," and therefore Eurasianism is the most rational alternative. "It gives the possibility of existing without denying one's own principles," the rabbi noted. "Now the experience of the ancient Mongol empire and the Khazar kaganate should be recalled."[1364]

On January 9, 2011, on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of Guénon's death, the Tikkoun Olam Center, led by Rav Leo Guez from Nice, convened a conference whose main speakers were

Dugin, Bouchet, Eskin and the renowned Jerusalem Kabbalist, Rav Mordekhai Chriqui. The goal of the meeting was to bring together Jews and Christians who aim at countering modernity."[1365] When in early 2014 Eskin, "made a presentation on one of the leading Russian TV channels praising both Jews and Russians as the true spiritual and messianic people – the audience responded with a standing ovation," noted the *Jerusalem Post* at the time.[1366]

Muslim Traditionalist

The Eurasian Movement includes Mufti Talgat Tadzhuddin, the "shaykh al-Islam" of European Russia and Siberia, an office first established by Catherine the Great in 1789, and then reestablished in 1942. Some of Tadzhuddin's views are close to Traditionalism. He suggested in 1992, for example, that the Turk's pre-Islamic worship of Tengri should be regarded as an early form of monotheism, and he was instrumental in the 1998 construction of a mosque adorned with stained-glass windows bearing the image of the cross and of the Star of David. Other reasons for Tadzhuddin's association with the Eurasian movement include the characterization of Salafism—what he calls "Satanic Wahhabism"—as modernist which Dugin shares with most other Traditionalists, and Dugin's anti-Americanism. Tadzhuddin announced after the American invasion of Iraq in 2003, that resistance to the Americans constituted "jihad" and was thus a religious duty. This resulted in condemnation from the Kremlin, which for a while boycotted him.[1367]

Dugin's call for an alliance with Islam is reflected in his associate Gaydar Jamal, who initiated Dugin into the Yuzhinsky Circle, who exemplified the relationship between Traditionalism and Islamic extremism. Jamal's commitment to an esoteric substantiation of Islam was considerably inspired by his embrace of the works of Guénon, Schuon, and Burckhardt. Around 1979-1980, Jamal joined the Naqshbandi Sufi order and became actively involved in the underground Islamic Movement of Tajikistan, where he would take Golovin, Dugin, and other Yuzhinsky adepts to the Pamir mountains on meditative trips and to visit the graves of Sufi saints.[1368]

Jamal was the founder of the Party of the Islamic Renaissance (PIR) in 1990. In 1992, Jamal led a splinter group towards alliances with Islamist extremists in the Middle East and with the domestic opposition to Yeltsin, in the form of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF). Jamal's relations with the Middle East included Hasan al Turabi, leader of the Sudanese Islamic Front. In 1991, after he left Saudi Arabia for his opposition to Ibn Baz's Gulf War Fatwa, bin Laden first went to Pakistan and back to Afghanistan, before finally settling in Sudan, where General Omar Hassan al-Bashir had taken power in a military coup in 1989.

Just a few months later, at a Muslim Brotherhood meeting in London, it was decided that Sudan would be a new base for the Islamist movement, and a Muslim Brotherhood leadership council of nineteen members was subsequently established in Khartoum under Turabi, who would emerge as the real power in the Sudanese regime.[1369] According to bin Laden biographer Roland Jacquard, Turabi visited London in 1992 and was a guest at the Round Table's Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA).[1370] In addition, Turabi seems to have Masonic connections. When their relationship had broken down, and after Turabi had foiled an attempted coup by him and his party, Bashir denounced Turabi as being sponsored by "Zionists and freemasons."[1371]

Jamal's PIR was replaced by the Islamic Committee of Russia (ICR), which became part of a network of radical Islamic movements under Turabi's leadership, which included Hamas in Palestine and Hezbollah in Lebanon.[1372] According to Jamal's own admission, in 1999 the ICR formed a united front with the Movement in Support of the Army, Defense Industry and Military Science, an independent opposition group aligned with the CPRF and run by the chairman of the Duma State Security Committee.

Later in life Jamal would ultimately reject Traditionalism and develop his own ideology termed "Islamic radicalism."[1373] Jamal's first major open critique of Traditionalism and major step in the direction of his envisioning of an eschatological, cosmic mission for Muslims, a talk delivered in 1994, was characteristically titled "Aryan Islam."[1374] Jamal is currently Chairman of the Islamic Committee of Russia; co-chair and member of the presidium of the All-Russian

public movement “Russian Islamic Heritage”; Permanent Member of the Organization of Islamic-Arabian People’s Conference (OIANK); one of the initiators of the creation and member of the coordination council of the Left Front of Russia; Deputy of the National Assembly of the Russian Federation. He took part in the March of Dissent from 2005 to 2008 whose main participants included Garry Kasparov, Eduard Limonov, Mikhail Kasyanov.

Murabitun

Dugin was also close with Jean-François Thiriart’s protégé, and fellow GRECE member Claudio Mutti, who in 2004 founded *Eurasia*, an Italian quarterly journal of geopolitics. Mutti, was also appointed Emir in the notorious Murabitun Movement, founded by a Scottish convert to Islam named Ian Dallas, a.k.a. Sheikh Abdalqadir al-Murabit. Dallas was also a member of the Darqawi branch of the Shadhili Sufi order, also descended from Ahmad Al-Alawi, Guénon’s friend who initiated Fritjof Schuon into the order. Dallas celebrates Hitler as a “great genius and great vision,” praises Wagner as the “most spiritual of men among men in a age of darkness,” and regards the black stone of the Kabbah in Mecca as the Holy Grail. He referred to Carl Schmitt as “the greatest legalist of the last century,” and to Heidegger as “the last century’s greatest philosopher.”[1375]

Dallas claimed Ernst Jünger told him that the new “Nomos” to emerge from the “ruins of the old order,” predicted by Carl Schmitt, may be Islam.[1376] In 1990, Dallas held a symposium in honor of Jünger which ended with a Masonic ceremonial. Also in attendance was Albert Hofmann, the scientist who discovered LSD.[1377] Hofmann had told Timothy Leary about his informal “wisdom school” centered around psychedelic sessions with leading European intellectuals, which included Jünger.[1378] In his memoir *LSD, My Problem Child*, Hofmann describes taking LSD several times with Jünger, who had had also experimented with drugs such as ether, cocaine, and hashish.

Ergenekon

Eurasianism is also aligned with recent American designs in Central Asia, through the assistance of the Gülen network and his links to Counter-Guerrilla, the Turkish branch of Operation Gladio.[1379] Dugin is a suspected leader of a development of Counter-Guerrilla—Ergenekon, an alleged clandestine, Kemalist ultra-nationalist organization in Turkey, with ties to members of the country's military and security forces—employed in the CIA's revived strategies in Central Asia.[1380] Dugin's ideas, particularly those on "a Turkic-Slavic alliance in the Eurasian sphere" have recently become popular among certain nationalistic circles in Turkey, most notably among alleged members of Ergenekon. The most prominent figure is Dogu Perinçek, the leader of the Workers Party, and an associate of Dugin, who in 2008 was arrested on suspicion of being a member of Ergenekon. Perinçek combines Kemalism with Marxism but is also a neo-Eurasianist, meaning that he strives towards an alliance between Turkey, Russia, Iran and the Central Asian republics against the Western hemisphere.[1381]

"Ergenekon" is a name deriving from a supposed Turkish legend describing it as a mythical place located in Eurasia, in the inaccessible valleys of the Altai Mountains. However, according to several Turkish scholars, the legend is a hoax with no basis in Ottoman or prior history.[1382] According to a Turkish government investigation into its activities, the Ergenekon myth employed as a model for itself the synarchist idea of the mythical underground realm of Agartha, which so fascinated the Theosophists, Guénon, Evola and the Nazis.[1383] As reported by Wayne Madsen's article, "The Dönmeh: The Middle East's Most Whispered Secret," for the *Strategic Culture Foundation,* the description of the Ergenekon organization "matches up completely with the Dönmeh presence in Turkey's diplomatic, military, judicial, religious, political, academic, business, and journalist hierarchy."[1384]

Fethullah Gülen is the founder of the Gülen movement, a transnational Islamic civic society movement inspired by Gülen's teachings. His teachings about *hizmet* (altruistic service to the

“common good”) have attracted a large number of supporters in Turkey, Central Asia, and increasingly in other parts of the world as well. The movement is active in education, with private schools and universities in over 180 countries, as well as many American charter schools operated by its followers. The movement is estimated to be worth between $20 billion to $50 billion.[1385] Gülen was an ally of Turkish President Erdogan before 2013, but the alliance was destroyed after an alleged corruption scandal broke in Turkey in that same year. Erdogan accused Gülen of being behind the corruption investigations. Gülen currently lives in self-imposed exile in the United States, residing in Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania.

Evidence of Gülen’s collusion with the CIA was found among the documents that the attorneys for the State Department presented in favor of rejecting Gülen’s application for a permanent visa. There are claims about the Gülen movement’s financial structure—it being emphasized that its economic power reached $25 billion. The lawyers state: “Because of the large amount of money that Gülen’s movement uses to finance his projects, there are claims that he has secret agreements with Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Turkic governments. There are suspicions that the CIA is a co-payer in financing these projects.”[1386] Most incriminating is the list of references that Gülen provided in an apparent effort to bolster his visa application, namely those of George Fidas, Graham Fuller, and Morton Abramowitz. Graham Fuller happens to be listed as one of the American Deep State rogues as noted by whistleblower Sibel Edmonds. Edmonds conceived of a clever legal way to sidestep the gag order placed on her by the Bush Administration, where she didn’t name the people she held incriminating information against, but instead provided unnamed photos of them on her website, in a list she referred to as “State Secrets Privilege Gallery.”[1387]

Graham E. Fuller is an American author and political analyst, specializing in “Islamic extremism.” Formerly vice-chair of the National Intelligence Council, he also served as Station Chief in Kabul for the CIA. A “think piece” that he wrote for the CIA was identified as instrumental in leading to the Iran-Contra Affair.[1388] George Fidas worked thirty-one years for the CIA, while Morton Abramowitz was also deeply involved with Afghan *Mujahideen* and

Kosovo rebels. As ambassador to Turkey, Abramowitz was succeeded by Marc Grossman, another neoconservative with dual citizenship with Israel, after working under him in Ankara for a number of years. During that period, the US opened an espionage investigation into activities at the embassy involving Major Douglas Dickerson, a weapons procurement specialist for Central Asia. Dickerson and his wife, an FBI translator, later became famous when they tried to recruit Sibel Edmonds to spy for this criminal network. Grossman is currently receiving $1.2 million per annum from Ihlas Holding, a Gülen-linked Turkish conglomerate.[1389]

The Pan-Turkism ideals espoused by Gülen, as an ostensible project of creating a pan-Islamic Caliphate to be ruled from Turkey, is merely part of America's post-Cold War strategy to control Central Asia with the aim of containing Russia and China. The invasion of Afghanistan is an important part of this strategy and an extension of the plans already outlined by Brzezinski. Coordination with the Gülen movement is tied to recent plans to confront China through the support of an independence movement of the Uighurs, a Turkic and predominantly Muslim minority of Xinjiang, in northwestern China. The CIA plotting came to a head in July 2009, with a series of violent clashes that erupted between Uighurs and the Chinese state police and Han Chinese residents in Xinjiang. As was also stated in 2004, with regards to the separatist moves over Xinjiang, according to *TurkPulse*: "One of the main tools Washington is using in this affair in order to get Turkey involved in the Xinjiang affair is some Turkish Americans, primarily the Fethullah Gülen."[1390]

Mahdi

Dugin has also aligned himself with a popular exponent of End Times prophecies, a self-professed expert in "Islamic eschatology." His name is Imran Hosein, who has gained a wide following in the Islamic world for his interpretations of Islamic traditions about the *Akhiru Zaman* ("Last Days"). In a lecture he gave at Moscow State University, at the invitation of Dugin, Imran Hosein went so far as to interpret Russia as the new "Rome," therefore encouraging Muslims to lend their support to Russia's imperial ambitions as a moral

obligation, in order to combat the forces of Dajjal in America and Britain. Hosein's many interpretations concern the Muslim Mahdi.

However, as explained by the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the Quran does not mention the Mahdi, "and almost no reliable *ḥadith* (sayings attributed to the Prophet Muhammad) concerning the mahdi can be adduced. Many orthodox Sunni theologians accordingly question Mahdist beliefs, but such beliefs form a necessary part of Shii doctrine."[1391] The Mahdi is often associated with the Sufi figure of Khidr, which originated most likely from Jewish legends, in the same way that the prophet Elijah is associated with the Jewish Messiah.[1392] Within the ecumenical millenarianism of the New Age, the Mahdi is variously equated with the "Christ," regarded as a reincarnation of the Comte de St. Germain, is known as Lord Maitreya, and said to be awaited also by Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus, though he is known by these believers respectively as the Messiah, the fifth Buddha, or Krishna.

Speaking of his association with Dugin and Alain Soral in France, a Franco-Swiss right-wing activist, Hosein explained:

> I can only hope and pray that our areas of agreement with each other - Mr Soral in France, Prof Alexander Dugin in Moscow, and others elsewhere who are already showing great interest in our Islamic eschatology - may benefit our common cause of struggling to liberate the oppressed of the earth from an oppression the likes of which have never been experienced by mankind ever since the time of Pharaoh.[1393]

Soral, who is also associated with Christian Bouchet, used to belong to the Central Committee of the National Front, before leaving it due to ideological differences. In 2007, he founded the group Equality and Reconciliation, whose strategy is summarized in the title of an article written by the founder of the organization: "Left for the workers and Right for morals." They advocate the union of the "Labour left" and the "Moral Right" in response to globalization, on the model of the Proudhon Circle, which brought together trade unionists, anarchists, and Maurrassians, whose political doctrine derived from Charles Maurras, most closely associated with the

Action Française. Equality and Reconciliation is associated with Christian Bouchet, supports the FN and its president Marine Le Pen, and also expressed their approval of non-aligned countries, such as the Russia of Vladimir Putin.[1394]

Equality and Reconciliation has developed a pro-Russian bent. Soral has been very successful in raising his profile through online videos. In these videos, Soral depicts Russia as a champion of Eurasia, which is under attack by "American Zionists." In a broadcast on January 11, 2015, Soral asserted that the Ukrainian crisis had been orchestrated by the CIA, as had the student protests in France in 1968. In 2011, he maintained that only Russia had prevented the attack on Iran and Syria. In a conference a year later before members of the *Action française*, he suggested that France's sovereignty could exist only in a multipolar world, which could only be brought about by Putin. In 2012, Soral was invited to Russia by Civic Contro, an official NGO, to participate in observing the presidential elections, at which time he was also interviewed by *Russia Today*.[1395]

Dugin's "Israeli Traditionalist" friend Avigdor Eskin has also collaborated with Adnan Oktar, a Turkish Muslim author who goes by the pen name Harun Yahya, who hints that he might be the Mahdi, and who has been published in Dugin's *Katehon*. Despite his former anti-Semitism, Oktar has been embraced by Israeli figures. Oktar has gained some notoriety in the international media, for leading a "feminist" cult or "Muslim sex cult." He maintains a bevy of heavily made-up women in revealing attire he calls "kittens," who appear on his shows with blank expressions, and who dance robotically between breaks. The cult is accused of maintaining ties with Fethulla Gülen. There were also lawsuits filed against them that included testimonies to the effect that cult members lured young women into taking part in filmed orgies, which recordings were then used to blackmail the participants into obeying Oktar's demands. Former members of Oktar's cult explained to Israel's *Haaretz* newspaper their reasons for exposing their former leader, "We only wanted to tell you what's going on inside, because unfortunately your government and people in your government are helping him, both financially and otherwise. And as they keep receiving this aid, they

keep reaching out to new young people and destroying new families."[1396]

Nevertheless, Oktar's pseudo-Muslim teachings involve claims that every Muslim must pray for the coming of Jesus, the Mahdi and the Messiah in order to confront conspiracy of a "deep state" operated by Britain. Speaking of al Aqsa mosque, Oktar said: "Christians, Jews, Muslims – everyone can worship there." He told *Haaretz*, in a message to Israel's Temple Mount Faithful movement, "The land there is sufficient for this," he said: "We will build the prayer house of Prophet Solomon there, and in this century, inshallah [God willing]."[1397] Eskin appeared on Oktar's TV show to say, "I just wanted to say we also came here to bring you our deepest gratitude for what we have done for restoring the relations between Israel and Turkey… and no doubt that by doing it you put your stone into the coming into existence—a third Temple of Jerusalem for the whole mankind."[1398] Oktar tweeted about Dugin, "Dugin, foreign policy advisor to Putin, is a person who supports Islamic Union. Being part of the Islamic Union is the right thing for Russia."[1399]

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